DATA USERS' GUIDE

## National Employment and Education Survey (NEES) Public Use File

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## Study Overview

In the fall of 2015, the Lumina Foundation (Lumina) issued a grant to NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) to conduct a national survey of adults titled the National Education and Employment Survey (NEES). The purpose of the NEES was to determine the percentage of adults in America who hold a high-quality certificate, license, or certification as their highest credential. The results of this effort would inform Lumina's objectives for its Goal 2025 initiative. ${ }^{1}$ Lumina -through Goal 2025-is committed to improving the nation's postsecondary education system by increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates, and other credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025. By ensuring access to higher-education opportunities after high school, more individuals will ultimately achieve a greater earning capacity, which in turn leads to better quality of life, stronger economies, and thriving communities, as well as a stronger nation overall.

Although there has been data available to understand how degree-based educational credentials (associate's degrees and higher) affect employment outcomes, there is little data that measure the prevalence of non-degree-based educational credentials such as certifications, licenses, and certificates and their impact on employment outcomes. In 2009, representatives from several federal organizations such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Science Foundation, and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) formed a group that would ultimately develop a survey called the Adult Training and Education Survey (ATES), which is to be fielded by the NCES. ${ }^{2}$ Lumina was a stakeholder in this survey and proposed using results from this study for their Goal 2025 initiative.

In order to obtain data for Lumina's 2016 Stronger Nation Report, NCES approved Lumina's request to field ATES survey items in a separate survey. NORC and Lumina collaborated to field selected ATES survey items and developed the sampling and methodological approaches for the effort. The NEES was administered in both web and telephone (Computer-assisted Telephone Interview, or CATI) modes over a six-week data collection period, surveying 1,890 respondents across the country between the ages of 25 and 64. Two respondents requested their data not be included, bringing the total number of respondents in the NEES PUF to 1,888 (see Data Processing).

Lumina's Program Officer for this study was Dr. Courtney Brown and NORC's Project Director was Bronwyn Nichols Lodato. If users have any questions, they may contact nees@norc.org.

[^0]This Public Use Data File (PUF) has been created to meet the goal for transparency and to ensure these data are available for further analysis. The following User's Guide provides critical information for researchers who wish to conduct analyses on the NEES data.

## Related Reports

Two useful related reports are listed below.

- National Education and Employment Survey (NEES) Methodology Report (2016)
- A methodology report posted by staff at NORC. Visit http://www.norc.org/Research/Projects/Pages/national-education-and-employment-study.aspx to access the full report.
- A Stronger Nation (2016)
- A report posted by the Lumina Foundation incorporating information from NEES. Visit https://www.luminafoundation.org/stronger_nation2016 to access the full report.


## Sample Design

NORC employed a dual frame sample design selecting a nationally representative sample of adults between the ages of 25 to 64 . A dual frame design involves two sampling frames (here named Frame A and Frame B), and a sample is selected independently from each frame. For this study, Frame A was the NORC National Frame, which is an address-based frame that covers the entire U.S. household population. Using this frame allowed the NEES to take advantage of NORC's AmeriSpeak panel, yielding the representative sample for Frame A. The Frame A sample was selected using sampling strata defined by age, race/ethnicity, education, and gender. The second frame, Frame B, was developed to ensure coverage of select minority populations. Frame B was derived from targeted lists from a sample vendor.

## Questionnaire Overview

The English questionnaire for NEES is provided in Appendix A. A copy of the Spanish questionnaire is available upon request.

Survey items in the NEES were adopted from the ATES survey - a survey conducted by NCES. Between January and February 2016, the NEES asked a nationally representative sample of adults between the ages of 25 and 64 (see Sample Design section of this report) a total of 62 questions in the following topic areas:

- Education (highest level, field of study, etc.)
- Certifications and licenses (acquisition, type, preparation, etc.)
- Certificates (acquisition, type, preparation, etc.)
- Work experience programs (internships, residency, compensation, work experiences, etc.)
- Employment (jobs, full-/part-time status, job title, salary, etc.)
- Background (marital status, race/ethnicity, etc.)


## Data Processing

Upon completion of the data collection effort, data were processed through several steps to create the final PUF.

## Sampling Weights

NORC's sampling team created and applied sampling weights to each complete and partial case. (Partial cases were defined as having responses through Question 24). The NEES sample consisted of multiple components: the AmeriSpeak Panel sample, the Hispanic target sample, and the African American target sample. These components were first weighted separately to adjust for their respective selection probabilities, nonresponse, and frame coverage. They were then combined together to derive a unified data file with a single set of weights (FINAL_WEIGHT).

Data users must use the sampling weights to calculate unbiased estimators of population parameters of interest. Unweighted analyses may be biased because different segments of the population may have very different selection probabilities and/or response rates.

## Other processing edits

Some of the items in the surveys included open-ended or other specific questions. All open-ended responses were reviewed and backcoded into the existing code frame where possible. Q7 (What is the name of your most important certificate or license?) used a two-stage coding approach initially applying the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) certification codes ${ }^{3}$ at Stage 1, followed by a combination of NSCG and ATES Pilot Study ${ }^{4}$ frames for broad category grouping at Stage 2. NORC applied a two-stage process for Q8 (What kind of work is your most important certification or license used for?) and Q48 (What kind of business or industry was this?). Both questions used the Census 2012 Industry code frame ${ }^{5}$.

The Lumina Foundation and NORC maintain strict confidentiality standards for their survey respondents. NEES survey respondents were notified in advance of the creation of the Public Use File (PUF) and given

[^1]the opportunity to opt out of having their data included; two respondents responded to this notification, and requested their data not be included. The data for these two cases has been removed from the PUF file, bringing the total number of respondents in the NEES PUF to 1,888. Furthermore, data in the PUF have been treated to protect the privacy of survey respondents and minimize disclosure risk. See "Limitations" in the Analysis section below for more information.

## Analysis

Data from the NEES Public Use File (PUF) can be used for a variety of analyses concerning the education and employment of the U.S. population in the target age range. The NEES captured data on non-degree based education credentials such as certifications, licenses, and certificates and their impact on employment outcomes. Specifically, the data can be utilized to look at those with a high-quality certificate, license, or certification as their highest credential.

Users should note that numbers from the NEES published by the Lumina Foundation may be based on the final restricted version of the data and so will not exactly match data pulled from the PUF. Differences are attributable to the survey data being removed for two respondents (see above section on processing edits), and changes involved in the disclosure risk treatment (see below). Although exact numbers may not match, the restricted NEES data and the NEES PUF allow users to draw the same inferences in most cases. The only exceptions may be in some utility and reliability loss for select, recoded and/or suppressed variables (see below section on data limitations).

## Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations

The Lumina Foundation and NORC maintain strict confidentiality standards for their survey respondents. Data in the PUF have been treated to protect the privacy of survey respondents and minimize disclosure risk. For the purposes of this PUF, disclosure risk is defined by the number of observations that share common values with Identifying Variables (IV), variables that are assumed to be known to outside parties that could be used to identify and learn information about a respondent. Variables capturing responses to the following survey questions were determined to be Identifying: Q1, Q2, Q53, Q54, Q55, Q56, Q57, Q58, Q59, Q60, Q61, and were treated for disclosure risk.

The primary treatment methods used were Global Recoding and Local Suppression. Global recoding is the operation where variables are redefined to be less specific for the purpose of making some cases less identifiable. Local suppression is the practice of suppressing the value of a given variable for a subset of cases for the purpose of making them less identifiable. Suppressed values were recoded to missing values. Recoding was preferred to suppression as it results in a file that is more inferable to the analyst, but suppression is often required for some observations.

## Minimum Equivalency Class Threshold

A minimum equivalency class size is chosen to ensure that an individual cannot be uniquely identified by their IV profile. Larger equivalency class sizes provide more protection by introducing more uncertainty
to the re-identification process. In cases where it is likely that an intruder may know of a target's presence in the data an equivalency class size of 10 or more would be recommended. For the NEES, it was determined to be highly unlikely that an intruder would know of a participant's participation in the survey or presence in the data. An equivalency class size of 3 was selected.

## Recoding

Recoding was used as a method to increase equivalency class size and thus prevent suppression. Multiple recoded versions of the IVs allow observations to be in the most specifically defined equivalency class possible, given the number of similar observations in the data. Recoding affected the following PUF Identifying Variables:

Table Y. Variables with recoded values

| Survey <br> Question | Variable Name |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Q1 | Q1_RC1 | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 1] |
| Q1 | Q1_RC2 | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 2] |
| Q2 | Q2_RC1 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of <br> school you have completed? [RECODE 1] |
| Q2 | Q2_RC2 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of <br> school you have completed? [RECODE 2] |
| Q2 | Q2_RC3 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of <br> school you have completed? [RECODE 3] |
| Q54 | Q54_RC | Are you male or female? [RECODE] |
| Q55 | Q55_RC | What is your current marital status? [RECODE] |
| Q56 | Q56_RC | Are you currently living with a boyfriend/girlfriend or partner in this household? <br> [RECODE] |
| Q59 | Q59_RC1 | How old are you? [RECODE 1] |
| Q59 | Q59_RC2 | How old are you? [RECODE 2] |
| Q60, Q61 | Q60_61_RC1 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 1] |
| Q60, Q61 | Q60_61_RC2 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 2] |

## Suppression

Suppression affected the following PUF Identifying Variables:

Table Z1. Variables with suppressed values

| Survey <br> Question | Variable Name |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Q1 | Q1_RC1 | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 1] |
| Q2 | Q2_RC1 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of <br> school you have completed? [RECODE 1] |
| Q2 | Q2_RC2 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of <br> school you have completed? [RECODE 2] |
| Q2 | Q2_RC3 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of <br> school you have completed? [RECODE 3] |
| Q54 | Q54_RC | Are you male or female? [RECODE] |
| Q55 | Q55_RC | What is your current marital status? [RECODE] |
| Q56 | Q56_RC | Are you currently living with a boyfriend/girlfriend or partner in this household? <br> [RECODE] |
| Q59 | Q59_RC1 | How old are you? [RECODE 1] |
| Q60, Q61 | Q60_61_RC1 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 1] |
| Q60, Q61 | Q60_61_RC2 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 2] |

Three Identifying Variables were removed entirely from the PUF in order to minimize suppression in other Identifying Variables determined to be more valuable to users:

Table Z2. Variables removed from the PUF

| Survey <br> Question | Variable Name |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Q53 | Q53 | Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or <br> National Guard? |
| Q57 | Q57 | Do you speak a language other than English at home? |
| Q58 | Q58 | How well do you speak English? |

## Recommendations

Users are cautioned against drawing conclusions from analyses using variables with large proportions of "Missing or suppressed" values. Inference of these groups is not reliable since distributions of nonsuppressed values are not necessarily retained after suppression. Users who want to use analyses for drawing conclusions about the data are encouraged to only use variables with no suppression. In most cases, multiple versions of a treated variable are available, and users are encouraged to use the version with coarser aggregations but a smaller proportion of "Missing or suppressed" values. Two recoded variables have versions with no suppression: Q1_RC2 and Q59_RC2. Variables with less recoding but
greater suppression are provided for users who are especially interested in a variable subset which is otherwise recoded.

For analyses using Identifying Variables that have been recoded and/or suppressed, users should reference the codebook for details on each variable.

## Data Layout

| Variable Name | Survey Question Source | Variable Label | Index Number | Type | Variable Length |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SU_ID | NA | Unique record identifier | 1 | Character | 8 |
| FINAL_STATUS | NA | Final status of case | 2 | Numeric | 8 |
| FINAL_WEIGHT | NA | Final ranked weight | 3 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q1_RC1 | 1 | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 1] | 4 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q1_RC2 | 1 | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 2] | 5 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q2_RC1 | 2 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school you have completed? [RECODE 1] | 6 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q2_RC2 | 2 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school you have completed? [RECODE 2] | 7 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q2_RC3 | 2 | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school you have completed? [RECODE 3] | 8 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q3 | 3 | Are you currently enrolled at a college, university, technical or trade school, or other school? | 9 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q4 | 4 | Have you taken any classes to learn English as a second language, sometimes called ESL or ESOL classes? | 10 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q5 | 5 | Do you have a currently active professional certification or a state or industry license? Do not include business licenses, such as a liquor license or vending license. | 11 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q6 | 6 | How many currently active certifications and licenses do you have? | 12 | Character | 2 |
| Q7 | 7 | The next few questions ask about the certification and license that you consider to be your most important. What is the name of your most important certification or license? | 13 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q8 | 8 | What kind of work is your most important certification or license for? | 14 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q9 | 9 | Is your most important certification or license required by a federal, state, or local government agency (such as a state board) in order to do that kind of work? | 15 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q10 | 10 | Can your most important certification or license be revoked or suspended for any reason? | 16 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q11 | 11 | In what year did you first get your most important certification or license? | 17 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q12_1 | 12 | Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by...taking classes from a college, technical school, or trade school? | 18 | Numeric | 8 |


| Variable Name | Survey Question Source | Variable Label | Index <br> Number | Type | Variable Length |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q12_2 | 12 | Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by...taking classes or training from a company, association, union, or private instructor? | 19 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q12_3 | 12 | Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by...studying on your own using textbooks or online resources? | 20 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q13 | 13 | Is your most important certification or license for your current job? | 21 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q14_1 | 14 | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? Getting a job | 22 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q14_2 | 14 | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? Keeping a job | 23 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q14_3 | 14 | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? Keeping you marketable to employers and clients | 24 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q14_4 | 14 | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? Improving your work skills | 25 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q15_1 | 15 | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A certificate for completing a training program from an employer, employment agency, union, software or equipment manufacturer, or other training provider | 26 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q15_2 | 15 | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A certificate for completing a vocational program at a high school | 27 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q15_3 | 15 | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A high school equivalency certificate, such as a GED® | 28 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q15_4 | 15 | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A certificate -- not a degree -- for completing a program at a community or technical college, or other school after high school. Do not include teaching certificates or college degrees | 29 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q16 | 16 | We will refer to the certificates in the previous question as "post-secondary certificates." What was the field of study for your last post-secondary certificate? | 30 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q17 | 17 | Who gave you your last post-secondary certificate? | 31 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q18 | 18 | About how many hours of instruction did you complete in order to earn your last post-secondary certificate? | 32 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q19 | 19 | Which one of the following was required for enrolling in your last post-secondary certificate program? | 33 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q20_1 | 20 | To earn your last post-secondary certificate did you have to complete...a minimum number of credits? | 34 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q20_2 | 20 | To earn your last post-secondary certificate did you have to complete...a minimum number of instructional hours? | 35 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q21 | 21 | Was your last post-secondary certificate part of the training you took for a professional certification or license? | 36 | Numeric | 8 |


| Variable Name | Survey Question Source | Variable Label | Index Number | Type | Variable Length |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q22 | 22 | Is your current job related to your last post-secondary certificate? | 37 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q23_1 | 23 | How useful has your last post-secondary certificate been for each of the following? Getting a job | 38 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q23_2 | 23 | How useful has your last post-secondary certificate been for each of the following? Increasing your pay | 39 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q23_3 | 23 | How useful has your last post-secondary certificate been for each of the following? Improving your work skills | 40 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q24 | 24 | Have you ever completed an internship, co-op, practicum, clerkship, externship, residency, clinical experience, apprenticeship, or similar program? | 41 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q25 | 25 | What type of work was your last work experience program for? | 42 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q26 | 26 | How long did your last work experience program last? | 43 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q27 | 27 | What wage did you earn as part of your last work experience program? | 44 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q28_1 | 28 | As a part of your last work experience program did you...have instruction or training from a co-worker or supervisor? | 45 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q28_2 | 28 | As a part of your last work experience program did you...take classes from a college, technical school, or trade school? | 46 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q28_3 | 28 | As a part of your last work experience program did you...take classes or training from a company, association, union, or private instructor? | 47 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q29_1 | 29 | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I was evaluated by a co-worker or supervisor | 48 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q29_2 | 29 | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I got college credit | 49 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q29_3 | 29 | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I received journeyman status at the end of an apprenticeship | 50 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q29_4 | 29 | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I got a state or federal apprenticeship number | 51 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q30 | 30 | Which one of the following best describes your last work experience program? | 52 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q31 | 31 | Did (or will) your last work experience program help you earn a professional certification or license? | 53 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q32 | 32 | Is your current job related to your last work experience program? | 54 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q33 | 33 | In your current job, how often do you use the skills or knowledge that you learned during your last work experience program? | 55 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q34_1 | 34 | How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following? Getting a job | 56 | Numeric | 8 |


| Variable Name | Survey Question Source | Variable Label | Index Number | Type | Variable Length |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q34_2 | 34 | How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following? Increasing your pay | 57 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q34_3 | 34 | How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following? Improving your work skills | 58 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q35 | 35 | Last week, were you employed for pay at a job or business? | 59 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q36 | 36 | Last week, how many jobs did you have? | 60 | Character | 2 |
| Q37 | 37 | Last week, did you work at a full-time job (a job where you work 35 hours or more per week)? | 61 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q38 | 38 | Last week, did you work at a part-time job (a job where you work fewer than 35 hours per week)? | 62 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q39 | 39 | Would you have preferred for your part-time job to be a full-time job? | 63 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q40 | 40 | Last week, were you on layoff from a job? | 64 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q41 | 41 | During the last 4 weeks, have you been actively looking for work? | 65 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q42 | 42 | Do you intend to look for work within the next 5 years? | 66 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q43 | 43 | When did you last work, even for a few days? | 67 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q44 | 44 | During the past 12 months ( 52 weeks), how many weeks did you work, including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service? | 68 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q45 | 45 | During the past 12 months, in the weeks you worked, how many hours did you usually work each WEEK? | 69 | Character | 3 |
| Q46 | 46 | Which category best fits your earnings from wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips, from all jobs over the past 12 months? | 70 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q47 | 47 | The next few questions ask about your current or last job. If you had more than one job, describe the one at which you worked the most hours. In your current or last job, for whom did you work? | 71 | Character | 5 |
| Q47_CHECK | 47 | On active duty in the Armed Forces | 72 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q48 | 48 | What kind of business or industry was this? | 73 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q49 | 49 | Which one of the following were you? | 74 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q50 | 50 | Did you have a license that was required by a federal, state, or local government agency to do this job? | 75 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q51 | 51 | What kind of position did you hold? | 76 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q52 | 52 | Would you have preferred to work at a permanent job? | 77 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q54_RC | 54 | Are you male or female? [RECODE] | 78 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q55_RC | 55 | What is your current marital status? [RECODE] | 79 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q56_RC | 56 | Are you currently living with a boyfriend/girlfriend or partner in this household? [RECODE 1] | 80 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q59_RC1 | 59 | How old are you? [RECODE 1] | 81 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q59_RC2 | 59 | How old are you? [RECODE 2] | 82 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q60_61_RC1 | 60, 61 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 1] | 83 | Numeric | 8 |


| Variable Name | Survey <br> Question <br> Source | Variable Label | Index <br> Number | Type | Variable <br> Length |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q60_61_RC2 | 60,61 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What <br> is your race? [RECODE 2] | 84 | Numeric | 8 |
| Q62 | 62 | Do you have Internet access at home on a computer <br> or tablet? | 85 | Numeric | 8 |

## Appendix A. Codebook

## Variable Name: SU_ID

| Label: | Unique record identifier |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 1 |
| Type: | Character |
| Question: | NA |
| Notes: | NA |

## Variable Name: FINAL_STATUS

| Label: | Final status of case |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 2 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | NA |
| Notes: | Indicates whether the respondent received all survey questions. Partial Completes began the <br> survey but broke off before the final question. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | Complete | 1,868 | 98.94 | $163,311,523$ | 98.37 |
| 2 | Partial Complete | 20 | 1.06 | $2,706,393$ | 1.63 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: FINAL_WEIGHT

| Label: | Final ranked weight |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 3 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | NA |
| Notes: | Final sampling weight, adjusted for selection probabilities, nonresponse, and frame <br> coverage. Data users must use FINAL_WEIGHT to calculate unbiased estimators of <br> population parameters of interest. Unweighted analyses may be biased because different <br> segments of the population may have very different selection probabilities and/or response <br> rates. |

## Variable Name: Q1_RC1

| Label: | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 1] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 4 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 1 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 1 were aggregated to create Q1_RC1, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in <br> analyzing Question 1 data are encouraged to use Q1_RC2 which has no local suppression. <br> Q1_RC1 is provided for users who are especially interested in Question 1 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | Less than High School Diploma | 146 | 7.73 | $14,376,828$ | 8.66 |
| 3 | High School Diploma or GED | 447 | 23.68 | $46,585,051$ | 28.06 |
| 5 | Some college | 440 | 23.31 | $31,547,369$ | 19.00 |
| 6 | Associate's degree | 215 | 11.39 | $15,480,836$ | 9.32 |
| 7 | Bachelor's degree | 368 | 19.49 | $31,061,752$ | 18.71 |
| 10 | Postgraduate degree | 234 | 12.39 | $22,046,298$ | 13.28 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 38 | 2.01 | $4,919,782$ | 2.96 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q1_RC2

| Label: | What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? [RECODE 2] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 5 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 1 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 1 were aggregated to create Q1_RC2 (see section Disclosure Risk <br> Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in analyzing Question 1 data are <br> encouraged to use Q1_RC2 which has no local suppression. Q1_RC1 is provided for users <br> who are especially interested in Question 1 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | Less than High School Diploma | 146 | 7.73 | $14,376,828$ | 8.66 |
| 3 | High School Diploma or GED | 447 | 23.68 | $46,585,051$ | 28.06 |
| 5 | Some college | 440 | 23.31 | $31,547,369$ | 19.00 |
| 6 | Associate's degree | 215 | 11.39 | $15,480,836$ | 9.32 |
| 11 | Bachelor's and above | 638 | 33.79 | $57,893,564$ | 34.87 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 2 | 0.11 | 134,268 | 0.08 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q2_RC1

| Label: | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school <br> you have completed? [RECODE 1] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 6 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 2 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 2 were aggregated to create Q2_RC1, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in <br> analyzing Question 2 data are encouraged to use Q2_RC3 which has the least local <br> suppression. Q2_RC1 and Q2_RC2 are provided for users who are especially interested in <br> Question 2 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | Science and Engineering, excluding Social Sciences | 137 | 7.26 | $10,775,031$ | 6.49 |
| 2 | Social Sciences | 71 | 3.76 | $5,226,188$ | 3.15 |
| 3 | Humanities, Media, Communications | 98 | 5.19 | $5,971,776$ | 3.60 |
| 4 | Professional and Social Services | 113 | 5.99 | $6,257,889$ | 3.77 |
| 5 | Other | 578 | 30.61 | $55,842,848$ | 33.64 |
| 6 | Education | 107 | 5.67 | $5,878,471$ | 3.54 |
| 7 | Healthcare | 115 | 6.09 | $5,421,315$ | 3.27 |
| 8 | Business Management and Administration | 279 | 14.78 | $22,362,871$ | 13.47 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 390 | 20.66 | $48,281,526$ | 29.08 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q2_RC2

| Label: | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school <br> you have completed? [RECODE 2] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 7 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 2 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 2 were aggregated to create Q2_RC2, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in <br> analyzing Question 2 data are encouraged to use Q2_RC3 which has the least local <br> suppression. Q2_RC1 and Q2_RC2 are provided for users who are especially interested in <br> Question 2 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 3 | Humanities, Media, Communications | 98 | 5.19 | $5,971,776$ | 3.60 |
| 5 | Other | 578 | 30.61 | $55,842,848$ | 33.64 |
| 6 | Education | 107 | 5.67 | $5,878,471$ | 3.54 |
| 8 | Business Management and Administration | 279 | 14.78 | $22,362,871$ | 13.47 |
| 9 | Science and Engineering, including Social Sciences | 305 | 16.15 | $27,164,186$ | 16.36 |
| 10 | Professional and Social Services, Healthcare | 303 | 16.05 | $20,990,713$ | 12.64 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 218 | 11.55 | $27,807,050$ | 16.75 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q2_RC3

| Label: | Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school <br> you have completed? [RECODE 3] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 8 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 2 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 2 were aggregated to create Q2_RC3, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in <br> analyzing Question 2 data are encouraged to use Q2_RC3 which has the least local <br> suppression. Q2_RC1 and Q2_RC2 are provided for users who are especially interested in <br> Question 2 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 5 | Other | 578 | 30.61 | $55,842,848$ | 33.64 |
| 8 | Business Management and Administration | 279 | 14.78 | $22,362,871$ | 13.47 |
| 9 | Science and Engineering, including Social Sciences | 305 | 16.15 | $27,164,186$ | 16.36 |
| 10 | Professional and Social Services, Healthcare | 303 | 16.05 | $20,990,713$ | 12.64 |
| 11 | Humanities, Media, Communications, and Education | 303 | 16.05 | $24,316,513$ | 14.65 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 120 | 6.36 | $15,340,784$ | 9.24 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q3

| Label: | Are you currently enrolled at a college, university, technical or trade school, or other school? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 9 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 3 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 2 | 0.11 | 307,518 |  |
| 1 | No | 0.19 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Yes, as a part-time student | 1,734 | 91.84 | $154,844,434$ |  |
| 3 | Yes, as a full-time student | 83.27 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 4.66 | $5,938,636$ | 3.58 |  |

## Variable Name: Q4

| Label: | Have you taken any classes to learn English as a second language, sometimes called ESL or <br> ESOL classes? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 10 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 4 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 4 | 0.21 | $1,045,182$ | 0.63 |
| 1 | No | 1,753 | 92.85 | $154,435,277$ | 93.02 |
| 2 | Yes | 131 | 6.94 | $10,537,458$ | 6.35 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q5

| Label: | Do you have a currently active professional certification or a state or industry license? Do not <br> include business licenses, such as a liquor license or vending license. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 11 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 5 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 1 | 0.05 | 95,527 | 0.06 |
| 1 | No | 1,381 | 73.15 | $124,743,618$ | 75.14 |
| 2 | Yes | 506 | 26.80 | $41,178,771$ | 24.80 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q6

| Label: | How many currently active certifications and licenses do you have? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 12 |
| Type: | Character |
| Question: | 6 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 1 | 0.05 | 22,152 | 0.01 |
| 1 |  | 279 | 14.78 | $22,793,011$ | 13.73 |
| 2 |  | 136 | 7.20 | $10,903,897$ | 6.57 |
| 3 |  | 50 | 2.65 | $3,943,678$ | 2.38 |
| 4 |  | 20 | 1.06 | $1,890,932$ | 1.14 |
| 5 |  | 9 | 0.48 | 809,184 | 0.49 |
| 6 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 246,115 | 0.15 |
| 7 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 56,982 | 0.03 |
| 10 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 51,433 | 0.03 |
| 11 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 308,251 | 0.19 |
| 13 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 57,403 | 0.03 |
| 16 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 21,750 | 0.01 |
| 23 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 73,983 | 0.04 |
| 88 |  | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q7

| Label: | The next few questions ask about the certification and license that you consider to be your <br> most important. What is the name of your most important certification or license? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 13 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 7 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 13 | 0.69 | 819,091 | 0.49 |
| 1 | Healthcare Practitioner, Provider, Specialist, or Technician | 39 | 2.07 | $2,595,986$ | 1.56 |
| 2 | Information technology | 11 | 0.58 | 745,881 | 0.45 |
| 3 | Engineering and Architecture | 10 | 0.53 | $1,309,953$ | 0.79 |
| 4 | EMT, CPR, Basic First Aid | 13 | 0.69 | $1,208,388$ | 0.73 |
| 5 | Nursing or Nurse's Assistant | 56 | 2.97 | $4,093,067$ | 2.47 |
| 6 | Other Health Care | 36 | 1.91 | $3,155,009$ | 1.90 |
| 7 | Teaching/Education | 85 | 4.50 | $7,080,917$ | 4.27 |
| 8 | Business Management, Operations, and Support | 22 | 1.17 | $1,365,060$ | 0.82 |
| 9 | Accounting, Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 52 | 2.75 | $5,493,188$ | 3.31 |
| 10 | Social Work and Counseling | 14 | 0.74 | 423,456 | 0.26 |
| 11 | History, Language, Linguistics, Literature | 4 | 0.21 | 386,592 | 0.23 |
| 12 | Law or Legal Support | 16 | 0.85 | $1,505,077$ | 0.91 |
| 13 | Religious Ordination | 5 | 0.26 | 343,034 | 0.21 |
| 14 | Transportation | 23 | 1.22 | $1,303,700$ | 0.79 |
| 15 | Skilled Trades | 45 | 2.38 | $4,444,102$ | 2.68 |


| 16 | Physical Fitness | 5 | 0.26 | 258,309 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 17 | Child Care/Child Development | 0.16 |  |  |
| 18 | Public Safety | 8 | 0.42 | 706,957 |
| 19 | Cosmetology | 0.43 |  |  |
| 20 | Food Handling and Sanitation | 19 | 1.01 | $1,634,432$ |
| 21 | Notary Public | 0.98 |  |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 12 | 0.64 | 921,740 |
| TOTAL |  | 0.56 |  |  |

## Variable Name: Q8

| Label: | What kind of work is your most important certification or license for? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 14 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 8 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 6 | 0.32 | 473,169 |  |
| 1 | Please specify | 0.29 |  |  |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 500 | 26.48 | $40,705,602$ |  |
| TOTAL |  | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q9

| Label: | Is your most important certification or license required by a federal, state, or local <br> government agency (such as a state board) in order to do that kind of work? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 15 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 9 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 13 | 0.69 | $1,429,562$ | 0.86 |
| 1 | No | 89 | 4.71 | $7,615,139$ | 4.59 |
| 2 | Yes | 404 | 21.40 | $32,134,070$ | 19.36 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q10

| Label: | Can your most important certification or license be revoked or suspended for any reason? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 16 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 10 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 40 | 2.12 | $4,048,002$ |  |
| 1 | No | 2.44 |  |  |  |
| 1 | Yes | Logical Skip | 86 | 4.56 |  |
| 2 |  | 380 | 20.13 | $30,668,659$ |  |
| 88 |  | 3.90 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q11

| Label: | In what year did you first get your most important certification or license? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 17 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 11 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 3 | 0.16 | 286,316 | 0.17 |
| 1972 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 28,755 | 0.02 |
| 1973 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 130,824 | 0.08 |
| 1974 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 318,355 | 0.19 |
| 1975 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 63,830 | 0.04 |
| 1976 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 333,715 | 0.20 |
| 1977 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 302,178 | 0.18 |
| 1978 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 123,153 | 0.07 |
| 1979 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 121,380 | 0.07 |
| 1980 |  | 7 | 0.37 | 263,751 | 0.16 |
| 1981 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 45,941 | 0.03 |
| 1982 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 260,901 | 0.16 |
| 1983 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 260,092 | 0.16 |
| 1984 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 242,538 | 0.15 |
| 1985 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 251,296 | 0.15 |
| 1986 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 145,992 | 0.09 |
| 1987 |  | 9 | 0.48 | 762,695 | 0.46 |


| 1988 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 420,313 | 0.25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1989 |  | 8 | 0.42 | 303,850 | 0.18 |
| 1990 |  | 11 | 0.58 | 988,443 | 0.60 |
| 1991 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 932,143 | 0.56 |
| 1992 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 860,983 | 0.52 |
| 1993 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 458,457 | 0.28 |
| 1994 |  | 7 | 0.37 | 561,305 | 0.34 |
| 1995 |  | 8 | 0.42 | 500,540 | 0.30 |
| 1996 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 850,503 | 0.51 |
| 1997 |  | 13 | 0.69 | 1,085,151 | 0.65 |
| 1998 |  | 7 | 0.37 | 271,598 | 0.16 |
| 1999 |  | 11 | 0.58 | 507,394 | 0.31 |
| 2000 |  | 14 | 0.74 | 1,040,104 | 0.63 |
| 2001 |  | 18 | 0.95 | 1,673,812 | 1.01 |
| 2002 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 866,223 | 0.52 |
| 2003 |  | 12 | 0.64 | 928,701 | 0.56 |
| 2004 |  | 18 | 0.95 | 1,610,530 | 0.97 |
| 2005 |  | 20 | 1.06 | 988,463 | 0.60 |
| 2006 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 1,006,250 | 0.61 |
| 2007 |  | 15 | 0.79 | 1,583,626 | 0.95 |
| 2008 |  | 18 | 0.95 | 1,735,414 | 1.05 |
| 2009 |  | 23 | 1.22 | 1,903,755 | 1.15 |
| 2010 |  | 23 | 1.22 | 2,080,953 | 1.25 |
| 2011 |  | 15 | 0.79 | 1,901,159 | 1.15 |
| 2012 |  | 26 | 1.38 | 2,195,393 | 1.32 |
| 2013 |  | 31 | 1.64 | 2,245,313 | 1.35 |
| 2014 |  | 34 | 1.80 | 3,209,760 | 1.93 |
| 2015 |  | 47 | 2.49 | 4,263,612 | 2.57 |
| 2016 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 263,309 | 0.16 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | 124,839,146 | 75.20 |

## Variable Name: Q12_1

| Label: | Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by...taking classes <br> from a college, technical school, or trade school? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 18 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 12 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 29 | 1.54 | $2,449,245$ | 1.48 |
| 1 | No | 140 | 7.42 | $13,297,624$ | 8.01 |
| 2 | Yes | 337 | 17.85 | $25,431,902$ | 15.32 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q12_2

| Label: | Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by...taking classes or <br> training from a company, association, union, or private instructor? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 19 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 12 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 31 | 1.64 | $2,865,396$ | 1.73 |
| 1 | No | 235 | 12.45 | $18,985,132$ | 11.44 |
| 2 | Yes | 240 | 12.71 | $19,328,243$ | 11.64 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q12_3

| Label: | Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by...studying on your <br> own using textbooks or online resources? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 20 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 12 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 38 | 2.01 | $3,130,573$ | 1.89 |
| 1 | No | 156 | 8.26 | $10,795,096$ | 6.50 |
| 2 | Yes | 312 | 16.53 | $27,253,103$ | 16.42 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q13

| Label: | Is your most important certification or license for your current job? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 21 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 13 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | Not applicable, not currently working | 46 | 2.44 | $3,290,104$ | 1.98 |
| 2 | No | 99 | 5.24 | $7,817,646$ | 4.71 |
| 3 | Yes | 361 | 19.12 | $30,071,021$ | 18.11 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q14_1

| Label: | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? <br> Getting a job |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 22 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 14 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 1 | 0.05 | 42,684 | 0.03 |
| 1 | Not useful | 34 | 1.80 | $3,188,973$ | 1.92 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 71 | 3.76 | $5,547,095$ | 3.34 |
| 3 | Very useful | 379 | 20.07 | $30,607,394$ | 18.44 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 21 | 1.11 | $1,792,625$ | 1.08 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q14_2

| Label: | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? <br> Keeping a job |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 23 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 14 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 2 | 0.11 | 78,228 | 0.05 |
| 1 | Not useful | 46 | 2.44 | $4,247,624$ | 2.56 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 56 | 2.97 | $4,816,866$ | 2.90 |
| 3 | Very useful | 384 | 20.34 | $30,559,359$ | 18.41 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 18 | 0.95 | $1,476,693$ | 0.89 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q14_3

| Label: | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? <br> Keeping you marketable to employers and clients |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 24 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 14 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 4 | 0.21 | 168,368 | 0.10 |
| 1 | Not useful | 25 | 1.32 | $1,834,699$ | 1.11 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 72 | 3.81 | $5,723,598$ | 3.45 |
| 3 | Very useful | 390 | 20.66 | $31,959,638$ | 19.25 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 15 | 0.79 | $1,492,468$ | 0.90 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q14_4

| Label: | How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following? <br> Improving your work skills |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 25 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 14 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 3 | 0.16 | 120,913 | 0.07 |
| 1 | Not useful | 44 | 2.33 | $4,028,641$ | 2.43 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 120 | 6.36 | $11,658,119$ | 7.02 |
| 3 | Very useful | 329 | 17.43 | $24,806,178$ | 14.94 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 10 | 0.53 | 564,920 | 0.34 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,382 | 73.20 | $124,839,146$ | 75.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q15_1

| Label: | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A certificate for completing <br> a training program from an employer, employment agency, union, software or equipment <br> manufacturer, or other training provider |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 26 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 15 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 17 | 0.90 | $1,339,351$ | 0.81 |
| 1 | No | 1,039 | 55.03 | $97,323,769$ | 58.62 |
| 2 | Yes | 832 | 44.07 | $67,354,796$ | 40.57 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q15_2

| Label: | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A certificate for completing <br> a vocational program at a high school |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 27 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 15 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 47 | 2.49 | $4,979,651$ | 3.00 |
| 1 | No | 1,533 | 81.20 | $139,198,400$ | 83.85 |
| 2 | Yes | 308 | 16.31 | $21,839,865$ | 13.16 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q15_3

| Label: | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A high school equivalency <br> certificate, such as a GED |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 28 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 15 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 51 | 2.70 | $5,053,697$ | 3.04 |
| 1 | No | 1,508 | 79.87 | $133,646,668$ | 80.50 |
| 2 | Yes | 329 | 17.43 | $27,317,551$ | 16.45 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q15_4

| Label: | Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates? A certificate -- not a degree - <br> - for completing a program at a community or technical college, or other school after high <br> school. Do not include teaching certificates or college degrees |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 29 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 15 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 33 | 1.75 | $3,506,276$ | 2.11 |
| 1 | No | 1,406 | 74.47 | $131,139,053$ | 78.99 |
| 2 | Yes | 449 | 23.78 | $31,372,588$ | 18.90 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q16

| Label: | We will refer to the certificates in the previous question as "post-secondary certificates." <br> What was the field of study for your last post-secondary certificate? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 30 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 16 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 7 | 0.37 | 379,834 | 0.23 |
| 1 | Accounting, finance, insurance, or real estate | 23 | 1.22 | $1,205,555$ | 0.73 |
| 2 | Administrative support | 12 | 0.64 | 522,596 | 0.31 |
| 3 | Agriculture | 4 | 0.21 | 220,378 | 0.13 |
| 4 | Audio, broadcasting, multimedia, or graphic technologies | 10 | 0.53 | 547,288 | 0.33 |
| 5 | Business management, administration, or marketing | 46 | 2.44 | $2,505,586$ | 1.51 |
| 6 | Computer science or information technology | 41 | 2.17 | $2,643,551$ | 1.59 |
| 7 | Construction trades | 20 | 1.06 | $2,045,336$ | 1.23 |
| 8 | Cosmetology | 10 | 0.53 | 780,368 | 0.47 |
| 9 | Culinary arts | 12 | 0.64 | $1,182,566$ | 0.71 |
| 10 | Education | 22 | 1.17 | $1,722,366$ | 1.04 |
| 11 | Engineering technologies or drafting | 14 | 0.74 | $1,424,102$ | 0.86 |
| 12 | Fine arts or music | 10 | 0.53 | 663,017 | 0.40 |
| 14 | Healthcare | 102 | 5.40 | $7,228,271$ | 4.35 |
| 15 | Law enforcement, security, or firefighting | 23 | 1.22 | $1,774,902$ | 1.07 |
| 16 | Law or legal studies | 13 | 0.69 | 879,116 | 0.53 |


| 17 | Liberal arts | 4 | 0.21 | 119,391 | 0.07 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 18 | Manufacturing or production (for example machinist, welder, <br> boilermaker) | 17 | 0.90 | $1,229,821$ | 0.74 |
| 19 | Mechanic or repair technologies | 29 | 1.54 | $2,697,027$ | 1.62 |
| 20 | Transportation | 12 | 0.64 | 963,686 | 0.58 |
| 21 | Other - Specify | 4 | 0.21 | 127,881 | 0.08 |
| 22 | Social Science, Social Services, Counseling, Public Administration | 11 | 0.58 | 388,602 | 0.23 |
| 23 | Religion/Theology | 3 | 0.16 | 121,345 | 0.07 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q17

| Label: | Who gave you your last post-secondary certificate? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 31 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 17 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 5 | 0.26 | 326,964 | 0.20 |
| 1 | A community college | 124 | 6.57 | $8,364,017$ | 5.04 |
| 2 | A vocational, technical, trade, or business school | 208 | 11.02 | $14,967,448$ | 9.02 |
| 3 | Another college or university | 72 | 3.81 | $4,981,665$ | 3.00 |
| 4 | Someplace else - Specify | 13 | 0.69 | $1,176,979$ | 0.71 |
| 5 | Employer | 16 | 0.85 | 702,054 | 0.42 |
| 6 | Government (Federal, Local) or Military | 11 | 0.58 | 853,460 | 0.51 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q18

| Label: | About how many hours of instruction did you complete in order to earn your last post- <br> secondary certificate? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 32 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 18 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 8 | 0.42 | 571,175 | 0.34 |
| 1 | 960 hours (1 full-time school year) or more | 137 | 7.26 | $8,309,982$ | 5.01 |
| 2 | 480 hours (half a full-time school year) to 959 hours | 77 | 4.08 | $4,802,067$ | 2.89 |
| 3 | 160 to 479 hours | 72 | 3.81 | $6,301,028$ | 3.80 |
| 4 | $40-159$ hours | 99 | 5.24 | $7,258,400$ | 4.37 |
| 5 | Less than 40 hours | 56 | 2.97 | $4,129,935$ | 2.49 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q19

| Label: | Which one of the following was required for enrolling in your last post-secondary certificate <br> program? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 33 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 19 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 1 | 0.05 | 65,235 | 0.04 |
| 1 | Being enrolled in or having completed an advanced degree program <br> (Master's or higher) | 12 | 0.64 | 823,623 | 0.50 |
| 2 | Being enrolled in or having completed a Bachelor's degree program | 38 | 2.01 | $2,223,989$ | 1.34 |
| 3 | Having completed high school or a high school equivalency (such as a | 283 | 14.99 | $20,916,396$ | 12.60 |
| 4 | GED) | 115 | 6.09 | $7,343,345$ | 4.42 |
| 88 | None of the above | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL | Logical Skip | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q20_1

| Label: | To earn your last post-secondary certificate did you have to complete...a minimum number <br> of credits? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 34 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 20 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 20 | 1.06 | $1,641,357$ | 0.99 |
| 1 | No | 161 | 8.53 | $11,094,103$ | 6.68 |
| 2 | Yes | 268 | 14.19 | $18,637,128$ | 11.23 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q20_2

| Label: | To earn your last post-secondary certificate did you have to complete...a minimum number <br> of instructional hours? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 35 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 20 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 11 | 0.58 | 721,236 | 0.43 |
| 1 | No | 66 | 3.50 | $5,159,740$ | 3.11 |
| 2 | Yes | 372 | 19.70 | $25,491,612$ | 15.35 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q21

| Label: | Was your last post-secondary certificate part of the training you took for a professional <br> certification or license? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 36 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 21 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | No | 164 | 8.69 | $11,506,535$ | 6.93 |
| 2 | Yes | 285 | 15.10 | $19,866,053$ | 11.97 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q22

| Label: | Is your current job related to your last post-secondary certificate? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 37 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 22 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
| 1 | Not applicable, not currently working | 69 | 3.65 | $4,530,944$ |  |
| 2 | No | 2.73 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Yes, somewhat related | 193 | 10.22 | $12,537,921$ |  |
| 4 | Yes, very related | 7.55 |  |  |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 73 | 3.87 | $4,806,377$ |  |
| TOTAL |  | 2.90 |  |  |  |

## Variable Name: Q23_1

| Label: | How useful has your last post-secondary certificate been for each of the following? Getting a <br> job |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 38 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 23 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 4 | 0.21 | 228,386 | 0.14 |
| 1 | Not useful | 97 | 5.14 | $6,800,106$ | 4.10 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 121 | 6.41 | $8,630,113$ | 5.20 |
| 3 | Very useful | 203 | 10.75 | $13,678,584$ | 8.24 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 24 | 1.27 | $2,035,399$ | 1.23 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q23_2

| Label: | How useful has your last post-secondary certificate been for each of the following? <br> Increasing your pay |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 39 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 23 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 6 | 0.32 | 680,515 | 0.41 |
| 1 | Not useful | 137 | 7.26 | $9,415,213$ | 5.67 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 133 | 7.04 | $9,477,429$ | 5.71 |
| 3 | Very useful | 151 | 8.00 | $10,545,331$ | 6.35 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 22 | 1.17 | $1,254,100$ | 0.76 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q23_3

| Label: | How useful has your last post-secondary certificate been for each of the following? <br> Improving your work skills |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 40 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 23 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 2 | 0.11 | 384,670 | 0.23 |
| 1 | Not useful | 53 | 2.81 | $3,431,639$ | 2.07 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 117 | 6.20 | $7,910,313$ | 4.76 |
| 3 | Very useful | 264 | 13.98 | $19,110,412$ | 11.51 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 13 | 0.69 | 535,554 | 0.32 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,439 | 76.22 | $134,645,329$ | 81.10 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q24

| Label: | Have you ever completed an internship, co-op, practicum, clerkship, externship, residency, <br> clinical experience, apprenticeship, or similar program? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 41 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 24 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Missing | 7 | 0.37 | 569,683 |  |
| 1 | No, and I am not in one now | 0.34 |  |  |  |
| 2 | No, but I am in one now | 1,314 | 69.60 | $119,157,283$ |  |
| 3 | Yes, I have completed this type of program | 71.77 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 21 | 1.11 | $1,617,989$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q25

| Label: | What type of work was your last work experience program for? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 42 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 25 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 16 | 0.85 | $1,568,618$ | 0.94 |
| 1 | Carpenter | 3 | 0.16 | 87,680 | 0.05 |
| 2 | Electrician | 10 | 0.53 | 939,071 | 0.57 |
| 3 | Plumber or pipefitter | 2 | 0.11 | 144,019 | 0.09 |
| 4 | Sheet metal worker or structural steel worker | 2 | 0.11 | 42,184 | 0.03 |
| 5 | Other building and construction trades | 22 | 1.17 | $1,449,157$ | 0.87 |
| 6 | Medical doctor | 8 | 0.42 | 614,189 | 0.37 |
| 7 | Nursing or nursing assistant | 44 | 2.33 | $3,040,144$ | 1.83 |
| 8 | Other healthcare | 97 | 5.14 | $7,291,068$ | 4.39 |
| 9 | Accounting, finance, insurance, or real estate | 34 | 1.80 | $3,309,153$ | 1.99 |
| 10 | Chef, cook, or food preparation | 10 | 0.53 | $1,027,561$ | 0.62 |
| 11 | Computer networking or information technology | 16 | 0.85 | $1,948,134$ | 1.17 |
| 12 | Cosmetology | 2 | 0.11 | 50,732 | 0.03 |
| 13 | Driving, piloting, or other transportation | 9 | 0.48 | 486,184 | 0.29 |
| 14 | Engineering or architecture | 17 | 0.90 | $2,053,724$ | 1.24 |
| 16 | Law enforcement, security, or firefighting | 18 | 0.95 | $1,370,760$ | 0.83 |
| 17 | Legal practice | 17 | 0.90 | $1,989,202$ | 1.20 |


| 18 | Machinist or tool and die maker | 1 | 0.05 | 64,693 | 0.04 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 19 | Management or administration | 26 | 1.38 | $1,907,530$ | 1.15 |
| 20 | Mechanic or repair work | 4 | 0.21 | 491,304 | 0.30 |
| 22 | Social work, counseling, or religious vocations | 55 | 2.91 | $3,443,334$ | 2.07 |
| 23 | Teaching | 67 | 3.55 | $5,658,372$ | 3.41 |
| 24 | Utility or telecommunications technician | 6 | 0.32 | 671,453 | 0.40 |
| 25 | Other - Specify | 9 | 0.48 | $1,089,541$ | 0.66 |
| 26 | Entertainment, Public Relations, TV, Radio, Etc. | 13 | 0.69 | 747,149 | 0.45 |
| 27 | Business/Marketing | 23 | 1.22 | $2,389,909$ | 1.44 |
| 28 | Journalism | 3 | 0.16 | 37,310 | 0.02 |
| 29 | Science, Agriculture | 8 | 0.42 | 488,885 | 0.29 |
| 30 | Political Science/Government | 4 | 0.21 | 271,899 | 0.16 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q26

| Label: | How long did your last work experience program last? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 43 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 26 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Missing | Percent |  |  |  |
| 1 | Less than 3 months | 4 | 0.21 | 595,697 |  |
| 2 | 3 months to less than 6 months | 0.36 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 6 months to less than 1 year | 92 | 4.87 | $6,900,006$ |  |
| 3 | 1 year to less than 2 years | 4.16 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 2 years to less than 3 years | 122 | 6.46 | $12,407,973$ |  |
| 5 | 3 years or more | 7.47 |  |  |  |
| 6 | Logical Skip | 101 | 5.35 | $8,479,646$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q27

| Label: | What wage did you earn as part of your last work experience program? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 44 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 27 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 4 | 0.21 | 368,741 | 0.22 |
| 1 | No wage | 212 | 11.23 | $17,334,149$ | 10.44 |
| 2 | A training wage that was lower than the wage of a fully qualified |  |  |  |  |
| worker | 152 | 8.05 | $13,882,937$ | 8.36 |  |
| 3 | The same wage as a fully qualified worker | 178 | 9.43 | $13,087,133$ | 7.88 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q28_1

| Label: | As a part of your last work experience program did you....have instruction or training from a <br> co-worker or supervisor? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 45 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 28 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 12 | 0.64 | 809,708 | 0.49 |
| 1 | No | 92 | 4.87 | $7,708,674$ | 4.64 |
| 2 | Yes | 442 | 23.41 | $36,154,579$ | 21.78 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q28_2

| Label: | As a part of your last work experience program did you...take classes from a college, <br> technical school, or trade school? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 46 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 28 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 13 | 0.69 | 880,326 | 0.53 |
| 1 | No | 233 | 12.34 | $20,580,507$ | 12.40 |
| 2 | Yes | 300 | 15.89 | $23,212,128$ | 13.98 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q28_3

| Label: | As a part of your last work experience program did you...take classes or training from a <br> company, association, union, or private instructor? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 47 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 28 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 22 | 1.17 | $1,413,870$ | 0.85 |
| 1 | No | 327 | 17.32 | $30,377,525$ | 18.30 |
| 2 | Yes | 197 | 10.43 | $12,881,566$ | 7.76 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q29_1

| Label: | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I was evaluated by <br> a co-worker or supervisor |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 48 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 29 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 7 | 0.37 | 520,391 | 0.31 |
| 1 | No | 85 | 4.50 | $6,646,663$ | 4.00 |
| 2 | Yes | 454 | 24.05 | $37,505,907$ | 22.59 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q29_2

| Label: | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I got college credit |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 49 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 29 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Percent |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | No | 16 | 0.85 | $1,569,843$ |  |
|  | 0.95 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Yes | 273 | 14.46 | $23,431,594$ |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 14.11 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 257 | 13.61 | $19,671,524$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q29_3

| Label: | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I received <br> journeyman status at the end of an apprenticeship |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 50 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 29 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 23 | 1.22 | $1,500,639$ | 0.90 |
| 1 | No | 455 | 24.10 | $38,693,665$ | 23.31 |
| 2 | Yes | 68 | 3.60 | $4,478,657$ | 2.70 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q29_4

| Label: | Do the following statements describe your last work experience program? I got a state or <br> federal apprenticeship number |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 51 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 29 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 24 | 1.27 | $1,595,170$ |  |
| 1 | No | 0.96 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Yes | 482 | 25.53 | $41,067,124$ |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 24.74 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 40 | 2.12 | $2,010,667$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q30

| Label: | Which one of the following best describes your last work experience program? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 52 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 30 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 20 | 1.06 | $1,531,538$ | 0.92 |
| 1 | It was not part of a formal education program | 169 | 8.95 | $14,445,448$ | 8.70 |
| 2 | It was part of a high school program | 16 | 0.85 | $1,656,970$ | 1.00 |
| 3 | It was part of a school program after high school and below an |  |  |  |  |
| Associate's degree | 60 | 3.18 | $4,331,329$ | 2.61 |  |
| 4 | It was part of an Associate's degree program | 64 | 3.39 | $4,193,683$ | 2.53 |
| 5 | It was part of a Bachelor's degree program | 98 | 5.19 | $9,348,214$ | 5.63 |
| 6 | It was part of an advanced degree program or other program beyond | 119 | 6.30 | $9,165,777$ | 5.52 |
| a Bachelor's degree | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |  |
| TOTAL | Logical Skip | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q31

| Label: | Did (or will) your last work experience program help you earn a professional certification or <br> license? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 53 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 31 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 5 | 0.26 | 573,291 | 0.35 |
| 1 | No | 247 | 13.08 | $21,525,113$ | 12.97 |
| 2 | Yes | 294 | 15.57 | $22,574,557$ | 13.60 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q32

| Label: | Is your current job related to your last work experience program? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 54 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 32 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Missing | 5 | 0.26 | 587,012 |  |
| 1 | Not applicable, not currently working | 0.35 |  |  |  |
| 2 | No | 74 | 3.92 | $5,025,232$ |  |
| 3 | Yes, somewhat related | 3.03 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Yes, very related | 165 | 8.74 | $13,270,018$ |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 7.99 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 96 | 5.08 | $8,469,359$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q33

| Label: | In your current job, how often do you use the skills or knowledge that you learned during <br> your last work experience program? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 55 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 33 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 8 | 0.42 | 654,185 | 0.39 |
| 1 | Not applicable, not currently working | 99 | 5.24 | $6,163,926$ | 3.71 |
| 2 | Never or almost never | 75 | 3.97 | $6,990,695$ | 4.21 |
| 3 | Sometimes | 156 | 8.26 | $14,014,645$ | 8.44 |
| 4 | All or most of the time | 208 | 11.02 | $16,849,510$ | 10.15 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q34_1

| Label: | How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following? Getting a job |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 56 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 34 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 11 | 0.58 | 831,397 | 0.50 |
| 1 | Not useful | 68 | 3.60 | $5,885,096$ | 3.54 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 144 | 7.63 | $12,482,044$ | 7.52 |
| 3 | Very useful | 303 | 16.05 | $23,906,107$ | 14.40 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 20 | 1.06 | $1,568,317$ | 0.94 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q34_2

| Label: | How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following? Increasing <br> your pay |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 57 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 34 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 11 | 0.58 | 896,477 | 0.54 |
| 1 | Not useful | 155 | 8.21 | $14,372,596$ | 8.66 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 138 | 7.31 | $11,535,070$ | 6.95 |
| 3 | Very useful | 217 | 11.49 | $15,972,072$ | 9.62 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 25 | 1.32 | $1,896,746$ | 1.14 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q34_3

| Label: | How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following? Improving <br> your work skills |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 58 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 34 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 9 | 0.48 | 726,327 | 0.44 |
| 1 | Not useful | 30 | 1.59 | $2,189,229$ | 1.32 |
| 2 | Somewhat useful | 142 | 7.52 | $13,561,838$ | 8.17 |
| 3 | Very useful | 358 | 18.96 | $27,519,000$ | 16.58 |
| 4 | Too soon to tell | 7 | 0.37 | 676,566 | 0.41 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 1,342 | 71.08 | $121,344,956$ | 73.09 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q35

| Label: | Last week, were you employed for pay at a job or business? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 59 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 35 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 9 | 0.48 | 759,004 |  |
| 1 | Porcent |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Yes | 0.46 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 720 | 38.14 | $55,532,611$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q36

| Label: | Last week, how many jobs did you have? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 60 |
| Type: | Character |
| Question: | 36 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 17 | 0.90 | 1,902,488 | 1.15 |
| 0 |  | 13 | 0.69 | 766,658 | 0.46 |
| 1 |  | 985 | 52.17 | 95,110,509 | 57.29 |
| 2 |  | 119 | 6.30 | 9,755,734 | 5.88 |
| 3 |  | 11 | 0.58 | 968,709 | 0.58 |
| 4 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 321,767 | 0.19 |
| 5 |  | 8 | 0.42 | 506,998 | 0.31 |
| 7 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 297,144 | 0.18 |
| 10 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 110,895 | 0.07 |
| 13 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 63,167 | 0.04 |
| 20 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 99,142 | 0.06 |
| 21 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 98,394 | 0.06 |
| 40 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 150,708 | 0.09 |
| 45 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 27,285 | 0.02 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 723 | 38.29 | 55,838,318 | 33.63 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | 166,017,916 | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q37

| Label: | Last week, did you work at a full-time job (a job where you work 35 hours or more per <br> week)? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 61 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 37 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 11 | 0.58 | 926,492 | 0.56 |
| 1 | No | 223 | 11.81 | $18,014,480$ | 10.85 |
| 2 | Yes | 931 | 49.31 | $91,238,627$ | 54.96 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 723 | 38.29 | $55,838,318$ | 33.63 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q38

| Label: | Last week, did you work at a part-time job (a job where you work fewer than 35 hours per <br> week)? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 62 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 38 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 11 | 0.58 | $1,013,886$ | 0.61 |
| 1 | No | 863 | 45.71 | $83,945,030$ | 50.56 |
| 2 | Yes | 291 | 15.41 | $25,220,682$ | 15.19 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 723 | 38.29 | $55,838,318$ | 33.63 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q39

| Label: | Would you have preferred for your part-time job to be a full-time job? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 63 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 39 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Percent |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | No | 8 | 0.42 | 643,343 |  |
| 2 | 0.39 |  |  |  |  |
| 88 | Yes | Logical Skip | 169 | 8.95 |  |
| TOTAL |  | 122 | 6.46 | $9,588,310$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q40

| Label: | Last week, were you on layoff from a job? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 64 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 40 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 12 | 0.64 | $1,110,358$ |  |
| 1 | No | 0.67 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Yes | Logical Skip | 683 | 36.18 |  |
| 88 |  | 36 | 1.91 | $2,645,788$ |  |
| TOTAL |  | 1,157 | 61.28 | $109,536,256$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q41

| Label: | During the last 4 weeks, have you been actively looking for work? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 65 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 41 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 12 | 0.64 | 982,399 |  |
| 1 | No | 566 | 29.98 | $44,273,558$ |  |
| 2 | Yes | Logical Skip | 26.59 |  |  |
| 88 |  | 153 | 8.10 | $11,225,703$ |  |
| TOTAL |  | 1,157 | 61.28 | $109,536,256$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q42

| Label: | Do you intend to look for work within the next 5 years? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 66 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 42 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | 82 | 4.34 | $7,011,590$ |  |
| 1 | No | 312 | 16.53 | $22,971,686$ |  |
| 2 | Yes | Logical Skip | 13.84 |  |  |
| 88 |  | 181 | 9.59 | $14,966,975$ |  |
| TOTAL |  | 9.02 |  |  |  |

## Variable Name: Q43

| Label: | When did you last work, even for a few days? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 67 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 43 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Missing | Percent |  |  |  |
| 1 | Never worked for pay | 20 | 1.06 | $1,774,718$ |  |
| 2 | Over 12 months ago | 1.07 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Within the past 12 months | 34 | 1.80 | $3,155,083$ |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 426 | 22.56 | $31,029,704$ |  |
| TOTAL |  | 251 | 18.90 |  |  |

## Variable Name: Q44

| Label: | During the past 12 months (52 weeks), how many weeks did you work, including paid <br> vacation, paid sick leave, and military service? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 68 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 44 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 31 | 1.64 | $1,982,577$ | 1.19 |
| 1 | 50 to 52 weeks | 851 | 45.07 | $85,662,066$ | 51.60 |
| 2 | 48 to 49 weeks | 137 | 7.26 | $10,481,476$ | 6.31 |
| 3 | 40 to 47 weeks | 144 | 7.63 | $11,901,774$ | 7.17 |
| 4 | 27 to 39 weeks | 95 | 5.03 | $7,738,058$ | 4.66 |
| 5 | 14 to 26 weeks | 63 | 3.34 | $4,986,118$ | 3.00 |
| 6 | 13 weeks or less | 96 | 5.08 | $7,983,036$ | 4.81 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 471 | 24.95 | $35,282,812$ | 21.25 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q45

| Label: | During the past 12 months, in the weeks you worked, how many hours did you usually work <br> each WEEK? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 69 |
| Type: | Character |
| Question: | 45 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing |  | 34 | 1.80 | $3,419,139$ |
| 1 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 215,653 | 0.13 |
| 2 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 143,556 | 0.09 |
| 3 |  | 8 | 0.42 | 471,255 | 0.28 |
| 4 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 199,542 | 0.12 |
| 5 |  | 13 | 0.69 | 829,251 | 0.50 |
| 6 |  | 7 | 0.37 | 554,003 | 0.33 |
| 7 |  | 8 | 0.42 | 669,159 | 0.40 |
| 8 |  | 12 | 0.64 | 737,747 | 0.44 |
| 9 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 79,440 | 0.05 |
| 10 |  | 16 | 0.85 | 792,575 | 0.48 |
| 11 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 436,903 | 0.26 |
| 12 |  | 11 | 0.58 | 620,198 | 0.37 |
| 13 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 30,978 | 0.02 |
| 15 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 958,397 | 0.58 |
| 16 |  | 6 | 0.32 | 992,876 | 0.60 |


| 17 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 199,230 | 0.12 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 19 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 35,231 | 0.02 |
| 20 |  | 47 | 2.49 | $4,199,709$ | 2.53 |
| 22 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 274,394 | 0.17 |
| 23 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 199,672 | 0.12 |
| 24 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 451,188 | 0.27 |
| 25 |  | 32 | 1.69 | $2,740,549$ | 1.65 |
| 26 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 783,292 | 0.47 |
| 27 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 264,311 | 0.16 |
| 28 |  | 10 | 0.53 | $1,039,063$ | 0.63 |
| 29 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 151,967 | 0.09 |
| 30 |  | 54 | 2.86 | $5,022,552$ | 3.03 |
| 31 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 82,446 | 0.05 |
| 32 |  | 17 | 0.90 | $1,202,211$ | 0.72 |
| 34 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 513,383 | 0.31 |
| 35 |  | 60 | 3.18 | $4,299,228$ | 2.59 |
| 36 |  |  | 10 | 0.53 | $1,267,054$ |
| 37 |  | 20 | 1.06 | $1,212,466$ | 0.76 |
| 38 |  | 23 | 1.22 | $2,574,930$ | 1.55 |
| 39 |  | 7 | 0.37 | 446,368 | 0.27 |
| 40 |  | 556 | 29.45 | $51,757,620$ | 31.18 |
| 41 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 218,114 | 0.13 |
| 42 |  | 11 | 0.58 | 961,497 | 0.58 |
| 43 |  |  | 12 | 0.64 | $1,679,000$ |
| 44 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 906,384 | 0.55 |
| 45 |  |  | 10 | 4.66 | $8,554,070$ |
| 46 |  |  | 5.15 |  |  |
| 47 |  |  | 5 | 0.26 | 576,634 |
| 48 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 336,814 | 0.20 |
| 49 |  |  | 20 | 1.06 | $2,697,286$ |


| 50 |  | 126 | 6.67 | 12,950,548 | 7.80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 14,606 | 0.01 |
| 52 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 532,523 | 0.32 |
| 53 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 130,015 | 0.08 |
| 54 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 476,641 | 0.29 |
| 55 |  | 21 | 1.11 | 1,958,408 | 1.18 |
| 56 |  | 5 | 0.26 | 336,128 | 0.20 |
| 57 |  | 2 | 0.11 | 171,273 | 0.10 |
| 58 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 136,931 | 0.08 |
| 60 |  | 55 | 2.91 | 4,856,581 | 2.93 |
| 61 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 73,983 | 0.04 |
| 65 |  | 9 | 0.48 | 672,028 | 0.40 |
| 67 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 14,656 | 0.01 |
| 70 |  | 10 | 0.53 | 1,162,146 | 0.70 |
| 75 |  | 3 | 0.16 | 165,433 | 0.10 |
| 80 |  | 4 | 0.21 | 142,091 | 0.09 |
| 82 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 19,166 | 0.01 |
| 84 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 183,957 | 0.11 |
| 90 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 63,294 | 0.04 |
| 115 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 578,617 | 0.35 |
| 140 |  | 1 | 0.05 | 45,719 | 0.03 |
| 888 | Logical Skip | 471 | 24.95 | 35,282,812 | 21.25 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | 166,017,916 | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q46

| Label: | Which category best fits your earnings from wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips, <br> from all jobs over the past 12 months? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 70 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 46 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 51 | 2.70 | $5,209,709$ | 3.14 |
| 1 | $\$ 0$ to $\$ 10,000$ | 199 | 10.54 | $15,404,159$ | 9.28 |
| 2 | $\$ 10,001$ to $\$ 20,000$ | 180 | 9.53 | $14,421,806$ | 8.69 |
| 3 | $\$ 20,001$ to $\$ 30,000$ | 192 | 10.17 | $17,963,717$ | 10.82 |
| 4 | $\$ 30,001$ to $\$ 40,000$ | 172 | 9.11 | $15,581,271$ | 9.39 |
| 5 | $\$ 40,001$ to $\$ 50,000$ | 152 | 8.05 | $12,534,053$ | 7.55 |
| 6 | $\$ 50,001$ to $\$ 60,000$ | 106 | 5.61 | $11,322,380$ | 6.82 |
| 7 | $\$ 60,001$ to $\$ 75,000$ | 121 | 6.41 | $12,131,439$ | 7.31 |
| 8 | $\$ 75,001$ to $\$ 150,000$ | 197 | 10.43 | $19,418,302$ | 11.70 |
| 9 | $\$ 150,001$ or more | 47 | 2.49 | $6,748,268$ | 4.06 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 471 | 24.95 | $35,282,812$ | 21.25 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q47

| Label: | The next few questions ask about your current or last job. If you had more than one job, <br> describe the one at which you worked the most hours. In your current or last job, for whom <br> did you work? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 71 |
| Type: | Character |
| Question: | 47 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 198 | 10.49 | $19,283,894$ | 11.62 |
| 0 | Please specify | 1,645 | 87.13 | $142,480,915$ | 85.82 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 45 | 2.38 | $4,253,108$ | 2.56 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q47_CHECK

| Label: | On active duty in the Armed Forces |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 72 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 47 |
| Notes: | Indicates whether the respondent checked the Q47 box "If now on active duty in the Armed <br> Forces, mark $(X)$ this box and print the branch of the Armed Forces below". |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Box not marked | 1,830 | 96.93 | $160,426,251$ | 96.63 |
| 1 | On active duty in the Armed Forces | 13 | 0.69 | $1,338,558$ | 0.81 |
| 88 | LOGICAL SKIP | 45 | 2.38 | $4,253,108$ | 2.56 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q48

| Label: | What kind of business or industry was this? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 73 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 48 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
|  | Pissing | Percent |  |  |  |
| 1 | Please specify | 90 | 4.77 | $9,745,069$ |  |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 5.87 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 1,753 | 92.85 | $152,019,739$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q49

| Label: | Which one of the following were you? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 74 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 49 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 47 | 2.49 | $4,655,932$ | 2.80 |
| 1 | An employee of a private company, business, or individual, for wages, | 1,239 | 65.63 | $113,599,370$ | 68.43 |
| 2 | salary, or commission. | 365 | 19.33 | $27,065,746$ | 16.30 |
| 3 | A local (city, county, etc.), state, or federal government employee. | 171 | 9.06 | $15,514,638$ | 9.35 |
| 4 | Self-employed in own business, professional practice, or farm. | 21 | 1.11 | 929,123 | 0.56 |
| 88 | Working without pay for family business or farm. | 45 | 2.38 | $4,253,108$ | 2.56 |
| TOTAL | Logical Skip | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q50

| Label: | Did you have a license that was required by a federal, state, or local government agency to <br> do this job? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 75 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 50 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 24 | 1.27 | $2,993,350$ | 1.80 |
| 1 | No | 1,322 | 70.02 | $119,841,126$ | 72.19 |
| 2 | Yes | 497 | 26.32 | $38,930,332$ | 23.45 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 45 | 2.38 | $4,253,108$ | 2.56 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q51

| Label: | What kind of position did you hold? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 76 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 51 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 31 | 1.64 | $3,935,714$ | 2.37 |
| 1 | Permanent | 1,546 | 81.89 | $138,060,631$ | 83.16 |
| 2 | Temporary | 266 | 14.09 | $19,768,463$ | 11.91 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 45 | 2.38 | $4,253,108$ | 2.56 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q52

| Label: | Would you have preferred to work at a permanent job? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 77 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 52 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 20 | 1.06 | $2,502,799$ | 1.51 |
| 1 | No | 79 | 4.18 | $6,549,669$ | 3.95 |
| 2 | Yes | Logical Skip | 185 | 9.80 | $13,164,457$ |
| 88 |  | 7.93 |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 1,604 | 84.96 | $143,800,991$ | 86.62 |

## Variable Name: Q54_RC

| Label: | Are you male or female? [RECODE] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 78 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 54 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 54 were aggregated to create Q54_RC, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count |  |
| 1 | Pale | Percent |  |  |  |
| 2 | Female | 843 | 44.65 | $80,065,242$ |  |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 1,029 | 58.23 |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | 16 | 0.50 | $82,892,891$ |  |

## Variable Name: Q55_RC

| Label: | What is your current marital status? [RECODE] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 79 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 55 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 55 were aggregated to create Q55_RC, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | Married | 689 | 36.49 | $62,118,185$ | 37.42 |
| 2 | Not Married | 684 | 36.23 | $42,143,534$ | 25.38 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 515 | 27.28 | $61,756,197$ | 37.20 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q56_RC

| Label: | Are you currently living with a boyfriend/girlfriend or partner in this household? [RECODE 1] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 80 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 56 |
| Notes: | Local suppression was applied to responses to Question 56 to prevent disclosure of <br> suppressed values in Q55_RC (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | No | 553 | 29.29 | $32,724,202$ | 19.71 |
| 2 | Yes | 113 | 5.99 | $7,695,538$ | 4.64 |
| 88 | Logical Skip | 689 | 36.49 | $62,118,185$ | 37.42 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 533 | 28.23 | $63,479,991$ | 38.24 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q59_RC1

| Label: | How old are you? [RECODE 1] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 81 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 59 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 59 were aggregated to create Q59_RC1, and local suppression was <br> applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in <br> analyzing Question 59 data are encouraged to use Q59_RC2 which has no local suppression. <br> Q59_RC1 is provided for users who are especially interested in Question 59 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | $25-34$ | $35-44$ | 304 | 16.10 | $31,097,070$ |
| 2 | $45-54$ | 342 | 18.73 |  |  |
| 3 | $55-64$ | 433 | 22.93 | $35,447,898$ | 21.35 |
| 4 | Missing or suppressed | $52,770,753$ | 19.74 |  |  |
| 97 |  | 582 | 30.83 | $38,133,249$ | 22.97 |
| TOTAL |  | 227 | 12.02 | $28,568,946$ | 17.21 |

## Variable Name: Q59_RC2

| Label: | How old are you? [RECODE 2] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 82 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 59 |
| Notes: | Responses to Question 59 were aggregated to create Q59_RC2 (see section Disclosure Risk <br> Treatment and Data Limitations). Users interested in analyzing Question 59 data are <br> encouraged to use Q59_RC2 which has no local suppression. Q59_RC1 is provided for users <br> who are especially interested in Question 59 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 5 | $25-44$ | 756 | 40.04 | $80,664,409$ | 48.59 |
| 6 | $45-64$ | 1,113 | 58.95 | $83,873,922$ | 50.52 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 19 | 1.01 | $1,479,585$ | 0.89 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q60_61_RC1

| Label: | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 1] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 83 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 60,61 |
| Notes: | Responses to Questions 60 and 61 were merged and aggregated to create Q60_61_RC1, and <br> local suppression was applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). <br> All respondents who selected "Yes" for Q60 "Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?" <br> are coded as (4) Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, regardless of their response to Q61. <br> Users interested in analyzing Questions 60 and 61 data are encouraged to use Q60_61_RC2 <br> which has less local suppression. Q60_61_RC1 is provided for users who are especially <br> interested in Questions 60 and 61 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 1 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 6 | 0.32 | 836,512 | 0.50 |
| 2 | Asian/Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | 9 | 0.48 | $1,146,153$ | 0.69 |
| 3 | Black or African American | 574 | 30.40 | $18,740,017$ | 11.29 |
| 4 | Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin | 407 | 21.56 | $27,024,210$ | 16.28 |
| 5 | White | 771 | 40.84 | $101,800,318$ | 61.32 |
| 6 | Multiracial | 8 | 0.42 | $1,016,113$ | 0.61 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 113 | 5.99 | $15,454,594$ | 9.31 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q60_61_RC2

| Label: | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? What is your race? [RECODE 2] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 84 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 60,61 |
| Notes: | Responses to Questions 60 and 61 were merged and aggregated to create Q60_61_RC2, and <br> local suppression was applied (see section Disclosure Risk Treatment and Data Limitations). <br> All respondents who selected "Yes" for Q60 "Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?" <br> are coded as (4) Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, regardless of their response to Q61. <br> Users interested in analyzing Questions 60 and 61 data are encouraged to use Q60_61_RC2 <br> which has less local suppression. Q60_61_RC1 is provided for users who are especially <br> interested in Questions 60 and 61 data. |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 3 | Black or African American | 574 | 30.40 | $18,740,017$ | 11.29 |
| 4 | Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin | 407 | 21.56 | $27,024,210$ | 16.28 |
| 5 | White | 771 | 40.84 | $101,800,318$ | 61.32 |
| 7 | Other | 95 | 5.03 | $12,658,676$ | 7.62 |
| 97 | Missing or suppressed | 41 | 2.17 | $5,794,696$ | 3.49 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Variable Name: Q62

| Label: | Do you have Internet access at home on a computer or tablet? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Index: | 85 |
| Type: | Numeric |
| Question: | 62 |
| Notes: | NA |


| Frequencies: |  | Unweighted |  | Weighted |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Value | Label | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
|  | Missing | 23 | 1.22 | $3,428,441$ | 2.07 |
| 1 | No | 276 | 14.62 | $18,625,291$ | 11.22 |
| 2 | Yes | 1,589 | 84.16 | $143,964,184$ | 86.72 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,888 | 100.00 | $166,017,916$ | 100.00 |

## Appendix B. Questionnaire

## Education

1. (Q1) What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?
Mark $\boldsymbol{X}$ ONE Only.
(1) Elementary or high school, but no high school diploma or GED ${ }^{\circledR}$(2) High school diploma(3) GED ${ }^{\circledR}$ or alternative high school Credential(4) Some college credit but less than one year of college credit(5) 1 or more years of college credit, no degree(6) Associate's degree (for example, AA, AS)(7) Bachelor's degree (for example, BA, BS)
(8) Master's degree (for example, MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)(9) Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (for example, MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)(10) Doctorate degree (for example, PhD, EdD)
2. (Q2) Which one of the following best describes the field of study for the highest level of school you have completed?
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE only.
If there was more than one, please choose the one you consider most important.
(1) General studies, no major, or undeclared major(2) Accounting, finance, insurance, or real estate(3) Administrative support
(4) Agriculture
(5) Audio, broadcasting, multimedia, or graphic technologies(6) Business management, administration, or marketing(7) Communications or journalism
(8) Computer science or information technology(9) Construction, repair, manufacturing, or transportation(10) Cosmetology
(11) Education
(12) Engineering or architecture
(13) English language or literature
(14) Fine arts or music
(15) Healthcare
(16) Law or legal studies
(17) Law enforcement, security, or firefighting
(18) Liberal arts
(19) Psychology
(20) Religious vocations or theology
(21) Science or mathematics
(22) Social or human services or public administration(23) Social sciences, political science, economics, or history(24) Other - Specify: $\square$
3. (Q3) Are you currently enrolled at a college, university, technical or trade school, or other school?(1) No
(2) Yes, as a part-time student(3) Yes, as a full-time student
4. (Q4) Have you taken any classes to learn English as a second language, sometimes called ESL or ESOL classes?(1) No
(2) Yes

## Certifications and Licenses

5. (Q5) Do you have a currently active professional certification or a state or industry license? Do not include business licenses, such as a liquor license or vending license.
A professional certification or license shows you are qualified to perform a specific job and includes things like Licensed Realtor, Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Teacher, or an IT certification.(1) No

GO TO question 15
$\square$ (2) Yes
6. (Q6) If yes, how many currently active certifications and licenses do you have?
If you had to get a certification in order to get a license, count each certification and license separately.
$\qquad$ number of certifications and licenses
7. (Q7) The next few questions ask about the certification and license that you consider to be your most important. What is the name of your most important certification or license?
(1)
$\square$
8. (Q8) What kind of work is your most important certification or license for?
(1)
$\square$
9. (Q9) Is your most important certification or license required by a federal, state, or local government agency (such as a state board) in order to do that kind of work?
(1) No
(2) Yes
(77) Don't know
10. (Q10) Can your most important certification or license be revoked or suspended for any reason?
(1) No
(2) Yes
(77) Don't know
11. (Q11) In what year did you first get your most important certification or license?

12. Did you prepare for getting your most important certification or license by... Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE box for EACH ITEM below.
a. (Q12_1) taking classes from a college, technical school, or trade school?
b. (Q12_2) taking classes or training from a company, association, union, or private instructor?
c. (Q12_3) Studying on your own using textbooks or online resources?
13. (Q13) Is your most important certification or license for your current job?
(1) Not applicable, not currently working
(2) No
(3) Yes
14. How useful has your most important certification or license been for each of the following?
a. (14_1) Getting a job(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
b. (14_2) Keeping a job(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful
(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
c. (14_3) Keeping you marketable to employers or clients(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
d. (14_4) Improving your work skills(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell

## Certificates

15. People sometimes earn certificates from an education or training program. These are different from certifications or licenses. Do not include certifications or licenses here. Have you ever earned any of the following types of certificates?
a. (Q15_1) A certificate for completing a training program from an employer, employment agency, union, software or equipment manufacturer, or other training provider
(1) No(2) Yes
b. (Q15_2) A certificate for completing a vocational program at a high school(1) No(2) Yes
c. (Q15_3) A high school equivalency certificate, such as a GED ${ }^{\circledR}$(1) No(2) Yes
d. (Q15_4) A certificate-not a degree-for completing a program at a community or technical college, or other school after high school. Do not include teaching certificates or college degrees(1) No GO TO question 24(2) Yes
16. (Q16) We will refer to the certificates in question 15d as "post-secondary certificates." What was the field of study for your last post-secondary certificate?
Mark X ONE only.
(1) Accounting, finance, insurance, or real estate
(2) Administrative support
(3) Agriculture
(4) Audio, broadcasting, multimedia, or graphic technologies(5) Business management, administration, or marketing
(6) Computer science or information technology
(7) Construction trades
(8) Cosmetology
(9) Culinary arts
(10) Education
(11) Engineering technologies or drafting
(12) Fine arts or music
(13) Funeral service or mortuary science
(14) Healthcare
(15) Law enforcement, security, or
firefighting
(16) Law or legal studies
(17) Liberal arts
(18) Manufacturing or production (for example machinist, welder, boilermaker)(19) Mechanic or repair technologies
(20) Transportation
(21) Other - Specify: $\square$

17. (Q17) Who gave you your last postsecondary certificate?
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE only.
(1) A community college
(2) A vocational, technical, trade, or business school
(3) Another college or university
(4) Someplace else - Specify:

18. (Q18) About how many hours of instruction did you complete in order to earn your last post-secondary certificate?
(1) 960 hours (1 full-time school year) or more(2) 480 hours (half a full-time school year) to 959 hours
(3) 160 to 479 hours
(4) 40-159 hours
(5) Less than 40 hours
19. (Q19) Which one of the following was required for enrolling in your last postsecondary certificate program?
Mark X ONE only.
(1) Being enrolled in or having completed an advanced degree program (Master's or higher)
(2) Being enrolled in or having completed a Bachelor's degree program
(3) Having completed high school or a high school equivalency (such as a GED ${ }^{\circledR}$ )
(4) None of the above
20. (Q20) To earn your last post-secondary certificate did you have to complete...
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE box for EACH ITEM below.
a. (20_1) a minimum number of credits?
b. $\left(20 \_2\right)$ a minimum number of instructional hours? $\qquad$ $\square \square$
21. (Q21) Was your last post-secondary certificate part of the training you took for a professional certification or license?
(1) No
(2) Yes
22. (Q22) Is your current job related to your last post-secondary certificate?
(1) Not applicable, not currently working
(2) No
(3) Yes, somewhat related
(4) Yes, very related
23. How useful has your last postsecondary certificate been for each of the following?
a. (Q23_1) Getting a job(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
b. (Q23_2) Increasing your pay(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
c. (Q23_3) Improving your work skills(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell

## Work Experience Programs

24. (Q24) Have you ever completed an internship, co-op, practicum, clerkship, externship, residency, clinical experience, apprenticeship, or similar program?
(1) No, and I am not in one now
(2) No, but I am in one now

(3) Yes, I have completed this type of program
We will refer to these as "work experience programs." If you have NOT completed a work experience program, go to question 35. If you HAVE completed a program, continue on the next page, answering for the last work experience program you completed.

## 25. (Q25) If yes, what type of work was

 your last work experience program for? Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE only.
## Building or construction trades:

(1) Carpenter
(2) Electrician
(3) Plumber or pipefitter
(4) Sheet metal worker or structural steel worker(5) Other building and construction trades

## Healthcare:

(6) Medical doctor
(7) Nursing or nursing assistant
(8) Other healthcare

## Other types of work:

(9) Accounting, finance, insurance, or real estate(10) Chef, cook, or food preparation(11) Computer networking or information technology(12) Cosmetology(13) Driving, piloting, or other transportation
(14) Engineering or architecture
(15) Funeral service or mortuary science
(16) Law enforcement, security, or firefighting(17) Legal practice
(18) Machinist or tool and die maker
(19) Management or administration
(20) Mechanic or repair work
(21) Printing
(22) Social work, counseling, or religious vocations
$\square$ (23) Teaching(24) Utility or telecommunications technician(25) Other - Specify: $\square$
26. (Q26) How long did your last work experience program last?
(1) Less than 3 months
(2) 3 months to less than 6 months
(3) 6 months to less than 1 year
(4) 1 year to less than 2 years
(5) 2 years to less than 3 years
(6) 3 years or more
27. (Q27) What wage did you earn as part of your last work experience program?
(1) No wage
(2) A training wage that was lower than the wage of a fully qualified worker
(3) The same wage as a fully qualified worker
28. As a part of your last work experience program did you...
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE box for EACH ITEM below.
a. (Q28_1) have instruction or training from a co-worker or supervisor?
b. (Q28_2) take classes from a college, technical school, or trade school?
c. (Q28_3) take classes or training from a company, association, union, or private instructor?
29. Do the following statements describe your last work experience program?
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE box for EACH ITEM below.
a. (Q29_1) I was evaluated by a coworker or supervisor.
b. (Q29_2) I got college credit
c. (Q29_3) I received journeyman status at the end of an apprenticeship
d. (Q29_4) I got a state or federal apprenticeship number. $\qquad$ $\square \square$
30. (Q30) Which one of the following best describes your last work experience program?
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE only.
(1) It was not part of a formal education program(2) It was part of a high school program
(3) It was part of a school program after high school and below an Associate's degree(4) It was part of an Associate's degree program(5) It was part of a Bachelor's degree program(6) It was part of an advanced degree program or other program beyond a Bachelor's degree
31. (Q31) Did (or will) your last work experience program help you earn a professional certification or license?(1) No(2) Yes
32. (Q32) Is your current job related to your last work experience program?
(1) Not applicable, not currently working
(2) No
(3) Yes, somewhat related
(4) Yes, very related
33. (Q33) In your current job, how often do you use the skills or knowledge that you learned during your last work experience program?
(1) Not applicable, not currently working
(2) Never or almost never
(3) Sometimes
(4) All or most of the time
34. How useful was your last work experience program for each of the following?
a. (Q34_1) Getting a job
(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful
(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
b. (Q34_2) Increasing your pay(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful
(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell
c. (Q34_3) Improving your work skills
(1) Not useful(2) Somewhat useful(3) Very useful(4) Too soon to tell

## Employment

35. (Q35) Last week, were you employed for pay at a job or business?
If you were temporarily absent from a job or business (on vacation, temporarily ill, on maternity leave, etc.), answer "Yes".
(1) No $\longrightarrow$ GO TO question 40
$\downarrow \square$
(2) Yes
36. (Q36) Last week, how many jobs did you have?
 number of jobs
37. (Q37) Last week, did you work at a fulltime job (a job where you work 35 hours or more per week)?
(1) No
(2) Yes
38. (Q38) Last week, did you work at a part-time job (a job where you work fewer than $\mathbf{3 5}$ hours per week)?(1) $\mathrm{No} \longrightarrow$ GO TO question 44
(2) Yes
39. (Q39) If yes, would you have preferred for your part-time job to be a full-time job?
(1) No(2) Yes

## GO TO question 44

40. (Q40) Last week, were you on layoff from a job?
(1) No
(2) Yes
41. (Q41) During the last 4 weeks, have you been actively looking for work?

(1) No
(2) $\mathrm{Yes} \longrightarrow$ GO TO question 43
42. (Q42) If no, do you intend to look for work within the next 5 years?
(1) No
(2) Yes(77) Don't know
43. (Q43) When did you last work, even for a few days?(1) Never worked for pay $\longrightarrow$ GO TO question 53(2) Over 12 months ago $\longrightarrow$ GO TO question 47

(3) Within the past 12 months
44. (Q44) During the past 12 months ( 52 weeks), how many weeks did you work, including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service?
(1) 50 to 52 weeks
(2) 48 to 49 weeks
(3) 40 to 47 weeks
(4) 27 to 39 weeks
(5) 14 to 26 weeks
(6) 13 weeks or less
45. (Q45) During the past 12 months, in the weeks you worked, how many hours did you usually work each WEEK?
$\square$ usual hours worked each WEEK
46. (Q46) Which category best fits your earnings from wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips, from all jobs over the past 12 months?
Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items.
(1) $\$ 0$ to $\$ 10,000$
(2) $\$ 10,001$ to $\$ 20,000$
(3) $\$ 20,001$ to $\$ 30,000$
(4) $\$ 30,001$ to $\$ 40,000$
(5) $\$ 40,001$ to $\$ 50,000$
(6) $\$ 50,001$ to $\$ 60,000$
(7) $\$ 60,001$ to $\$ 75,000$
(8) $\$ 75,001$ to $\$ 150,000$
(9) $\$ 150,001$ or more
47. (Q47) The next few questions ask about your current or last job. If you had more than one job, describe the one at which you worked the most hours. In your current or last job, for whom did you work?
(Q47_CHECK)(1) If now on active duty in the Armed Forces, mark ( $X$ ) this box and print the branch of the Armed Forces below. Name of company, business, or other employer
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(00) Please specify:
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48. (Q48) What kind of business or industry was this?
(For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, bank)

## (1)

49. (Q49) Which one of the following were you?
(1) An employee of a private company, business, or individual, for wages, salary, or commission(2) A local (city, county, etc.), state, or federal government employee(3) Self-employed in own business, professional practice, or farm(4) Working without pay for family business or farm
50. (Q50) Did you have a license that was required by a federal, state, or local government agency to do this job?
(1) No(2) Yes
51. (Q51) What kind of position did you hold?
(1) Permanent $\longrightarrow$ GO TO question 53(2) Temporary
52. (Q52) Would you have preferred to work at a permanent job?(1) No
(2) Yes

## Background

53. (Q53) Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?
(1) No, never served in the military(2) Yes, but only on active duty for training in the Reserve or National Guard(3) Yes, on active duty now or in past
54. (Q54) Are you male or female?(1) Male
(2) Female
(3) Other Specified
55. (Q55) What is your current marital status?
Mark $\mathbf{X}$ ONE only.
(1) Now Married $\longrightarrow$ GO TO question 57
(2) Widowed
(3) Divorced
(4) Separated
(5) Never married
56. (Q56) Are you currently living with a boyfriend/girlfriend or partner in this household?
(1) No
(2) Yes
57. (Q57) Do you speak a language other than English at home?
$(1) \mathrm{No} \longrightarrow \quad$ GO TO question 59
(2) Yes
58. (Q58) How well do you speak English?
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Not well
(4) Not at all
59. (Q59) How old are you?
$\square$ years old
60. (Q60) Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
(1) No
(2) Yes
61. (Q61) What is your race? You may mark one or more races.
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native
(2) Asian
(3) Black or African American
(4) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
(5) White
62. (Q62) Do you have Internet access at home on a computer or tablet?
(1) No
(2) Yes

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