

APPENDIX D

NSCG Questionnaire Changes

2013 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Added

- Module questions rotated in from the NSRCG for both the old and new cohort sample (note: item numbers below reflect the new cohort questionnaire numbering):


D4. (If Yes) Did you take courses at a community college during any of the following time periods?

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Before graduating from high school or earning a high school equivalency certificate | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 After high school and before ever enrolling in a 4-year college or university | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 While enrolled in a 4-year college or university and before receiving your first bachelor's degree | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 After leaving a 4-year college or university without receiving your first bachelor's degree | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 After receiving your first bachelor's degree | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

D5. Thinking back to the time(s) you attended community college, for which of the following reasons did you take community college courses?

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 To earn college credits while still attending high school | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 To complete an associate's degree | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 To prepare for college/increase chance of acceptance to a 4-year college or university | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 To earn credits for a bachelor's degree | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 For financial reasons (e.g. cost of a 4-year school) | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 To gain further skills or knowledge in your academic or occupational field | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 To facilitate a change in your academic or occupational field | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 To increase opportunities for promotion, advancement, or higher salary | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 For leisure or personal interest | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Other – Specify  | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

D6. Which two reasons in question D5 were your most important reasons for taking community college courses?

Enter number of appropriate reason from question A5 above

1 Most important reason

2 Second most important reason
(Enter "0" if no second reason)

D12. The next question asks about the type of financial support you may have received to finance any undergraduate or graduate degrees you completed before February 1, 2013.

Mark all that apply in each column.

	Undergraduate ↓	Graduate ↓
1 Financial support from parents, spouse, other relatives, not to be repaid	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
2 Loans from the school you attended, banks, federal or state government	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
3 Loans from parents or other relatives	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
4 Financial assistance from your employer	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
5 Tuition waivers, fellowships, grants, scholarships	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
6 Assistantships or work study	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
7 Earnings from employment	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
8 Other — <i>Specify</i> <u>z</u>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>		

D13. The next question asks about the TOTAL amount you have borrowed to finance undergraduate and graduate degrees you completed before February 1, 2013, and how much you still owed as of February 1, 2013.

Mark one answer in each of the four columns below.

	COMPLETED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES		COMPLETED GRADUATE DEGREES	
	Total Amount Borrowed ↓	Amount Still Owed as of Feb. 1, 2013 ↓	Total Amount Borrowed ↓	Amount Still Owed as of Feb. 1, 2013 ↓
1 Did not earn a degree at this level	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
2 None.....	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
3 \$1 - \$10,000	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
4 \$10,001 - \$20,000	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
5 \$20,001 - \$30,000	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
6 \$30,001 - \$40,000	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
7 \$40,001 - \$50,000	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
8 \$50,001 - \$60,000	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
9 \$60,001 - \$70,000	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
10 \$70,001 - \$80,000	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
11 \$80,001 - \$90,000	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
12 \$90,001 or more.....	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>

2013 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Modified

Other than the new questionnaire items listed above, the 2013 NSCG questionnaire is the same as the 2010 NSCG questionnaire except for the following minor changes

- 1) The reference date was changed throughout the questionnaire from *October 1, 2010* to *February 1, 2013*.
- 2) The number of response options for Question E7 (new cohort)/F6 (old cohort) were changed from two options to three, as follows :

2010 version

On October 1, 2010, were you living in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory, or were you living in another country?

- United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory
- Another country

2013 version

On February 1, 2013, were you living in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory, or were you living in another country?

- United States or Puerto Rico
- Another U.S. territory
- Another country

- 3) In Question A37, the abbreviation “Dept.” is spelled out as “Department.”
- 4) In Question A11, “25,000+ employees” was changed to “25,000 or more employees” to coincide with “10 or fewer employees” at the other end of the response scale.
- 5) The color of the paper mail questionnaire is green in the old cohort rather than purple as it was in 2010.