

Illinois Post-School Survey Interview Questions and Interviewer Script

CALLER PROMPTS (In Red)
GO TO CUES (Highlighted)
SCRIPTS (Highlighted)

**THESE DATA MUST BE GATHERED BETWEEN MAY AND AUGUST OF THE YEAR
FOLLOWING THE STUDENT'S EXIT FROM HIGH SCHOOL.**

"Hello. My name is _____ and I am calling for the _____ School District. Recently, _____ (former student's name) received a letter stating that someone representing their former high school would be calling to ask questions about their current school and work activities. The answers will be used to better plan for classes and activities for current and future students."

As needed, assure the person answering the phone that you are not trying to sell anything. Refer to the letter they received again.

If Phone Answered by Former Student, say:

"I would like to ask you some questions about your current work and school activities. The questions will only take a short time. Your answers will be kept confidential and will be used to help your school district better plan classes and activities for future students. May I ask you these questions now?"

IF YES, GO TO QUESTION #1

IF NO ASK:

"Would it be okay to contact you again in a few days in the event you have changed your mind?"

"Is there a time when it would be more convenient to talk with you?"

"Is there any additional information I can provide that might help you decide to answer some questions?"

**IF NO SAY: "Okay, thank you for your time."
END SURVEY HERE**

If Phone Answered by Parent or Guardian, say:

"I would like to ask _____ (former student's name) some questions about their current work and school activities. What is the best way to contact _____ (former student's name)?"

If Person who answered phone responds:

You can contact _____ at:

Thank respondent for information, end call, and try to reach former student with the given information.

If Former student is unavailable:

ASK: "Do you feel you know enough about _____ (former student's name) current work and school activities to answer a few questions?"

If YES, **GO TO QUESTION #1**

If NO, **ASK:** "Ok, Thank You. Do you know a more convenient time to call back to speak to someone who may know more information about this student?"

POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL

1. At any time since leaving high school, *have you ever* attended any school, job training, or education program?

- (1) NO → **GO TO QUESTION 4**
- (2) YES → **GO TO QUESTIONS 2 AND 3**
- (99) No Answer

2. Did you complete an entire term (term can include quarter, semester, inter-session, summer, or on-line)?

- (1) NO
- (2) YES
- (99) No Answer

3. Describe the kind of school or job training program you attended. (**CHECK ONE OPTION**) [Note: If telephone survey, ask as an open-ended question and train interviewers to check the appropriate response.]

- High school completion (Adult Basic Education, GED) (1)
- Short-term education or employment training program (WIA, Job Corps) (2)
- Vocational/Technical School - less than a 2-year program (3)
- Higher education at 2 year community college (4)
- Higher education at 4 year college/university (5)
- Volunteer/community service training (Peace Corps, Vista, AmeriCorps, missionary work, etc.) (6)
- Other (Specify): _____ (88)
- No Answer (99)

EMPLOYMENT

4. At any time since leaving high school, *have you ever* worked?

- (1) NO → **DATA COLLECTION COMPLETED**
SAY: "Thank you for participating in this survey. Your answers will help to improve future programs and services for students."
- (2) YES → **GO TO QUESTIONS 5, 6, 7 & 8**
- (99) No Answer

5. Since leaving high school, have you worked for a total of 3 months (about 90 days)?
Probe: Tell respondent that it does not need to be in a row.

- (1) NO
- (2) YES
- (99) No Answer

6. Did you work on average 20 or more hours per week (or about half time of a 40-hour week)?

- (1) NO
- (2) YES
- (99) No Answer

7. Were you paid at least minimum wage? (Minimum wage in Illinois for people 18 and older increased from \$9.25/hour to \$10.00/hour on July 1, 2020, and to \$11.00/hour on January 1, 2021. Minimum wage in Chicago increased from \$13.00/hour to at least \$13.50/hour on July 1, 2020. Minimum wage in Cook County increased from \$12.00/hour to \$13.00/hour on July 1, 2020.)

- (1) NO
- (2) YES
- (99) No Answer

8. Describe the job you have or have had? (**CHECK ONE OPTION**) [**Note: If a telephone survey, ask this question as an open-ended question and train interviewers to mark appropriate response.**]

- In a company, business, or service with people with and without disabilities (1)
- In the military (2)
- In supported employment (paid work with services and wage support to the employer) (3)
- Self-employed (4)
- In your family's business (e.g., farm, store, fishing, ranching, catering) (5)
- In sheltered employment (where most workers have disabilities) (6)
- Employed while in jail or prison (7)
- Other (Specify) _____ (88)
- No Answer (99)

DATA COLLECTION COMPLETED

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