

UTAH POST HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES SURVEY

Interview Questions for June – August 2011

Respondents

Q.1 Who **responded** to the interview questions or check why the interview was not completed? *(Choose one)*

- Successfully Completed Interviews** – phone answered by:
 - Former student
 - Parent (*natural parent, step-parent, parent who is guardian ad litem*)
 - Guardian (*legal guardian other than student's parent e.g. custodial grandparent, foster care parent, custodial group home worker*)
 - Anyone else
- Unsuccessfully Completed Interviews** – reason interview was not completed
 - Contacted:** Declined to answer interview questions
 - Contacted:** Unresolved language or comprehension barrier
 - Contacted:** Former student was unavailable and no other responder was available (e.g. jail, military, work)
 - No Contact: Unable to find # / Lost # / No phone # / Moved and no forwarding #
 - No Contact: No answer (6 or more attempts)
 - Other
- Ineligible** to participate because former student:
 - Returned to the High School setting
 - Did not yet graduate or exit or is still in High School
 - Wrong exiting class (exited more than two years ago)
 - Deceased

HIGHER EDUCATION and OTHER POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION or TRAINING (Q. 2 – Q. 12)

“Now I’d like to ask you some questions regarding continuing education or training since leaving high school. Thinking about the 12 months after you left high school, which of the following best describes your participation in continuing education or training? If you are now or have participated in more than one type of education or training, please answer the questions for the program you attended most recently or the one you attend the most hours per week.”

Q.2 Considering all the different kinds of further education and training, such as college, adult or community education, job training, vocational school, and humanitarian programs like a mission or the Peace Corps, which of the following best describes your **current educational status**, keeping in mind that military service is considered employment? *(Choose one)*

- I am or have participated **full-time** (12 or more credits) in an educational program or pursuing a degree *(Go to Q. 4)*
- I am or have participated **part-time** (less than 12 credits) in an educational program or pursuing a degree *(Go to Q. 4)*
- I am or have **completed** an educational program, training or degree *(Go to Q. 4)*
- I attended within 12 months of leaving high school **but discontinued** before completing the program *(Go to Q. 3)*
- I have **not attended** any further educational or training program *(Go to Q. 12)*
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q. 13)*

Q.3 What is the **main** reason you **discontinued** your postsecondary education or training program? *(Choose one)*

- Did not want to continue my education/training / Wanted to discontinue
- Can’t afford to continue my education / Not enough financial aid to continue
- Plan to go in the future / Plan to return after earning enough money to go / Working full-time / Doing something else first
- No postsecondary opportunities / None close to home
- Don’t have the necessary skills/qualifications to continue postsecondary education
- Unable to find transportation to school / No car / Can’t get to campus
- Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
- Homemaker / Family obligations
- Health or disability-related problems prevent me from continuing my education
- Other *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*
“Please describe the reason you discontinued your educational program”
- Don’t know /Refused / No answer

Higher Education

Thinking about the 12 months after you left high school and including programs within and outside of Utah:

Q.4 Have you enrolled in a **2-year college or community college**, for example a 2-year college like Salt Lake Community College, Utah Career College at any time within the year since leaving high school?

- Yes, and I **completed** at least one term
- Yes, but I **did not complete** at least one term
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don’t know/Refused / No answer

- Q.5 Have you enrolled in a **4-year college or university** at any time within the year since leaving high school including (e.g. the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Westminster College, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, or programs in other states)?
- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended this type of program
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

- Q.6 Have you enrolled in a 2-year degree program at a **Technical College**, such as the Utah Technical Colleges(e.g. Bridgerland Applied Technology College, AmeriTech College, Bon Losee Academy of Hair Artistry, Davis Applied Technology College, Paul Mitchell) (two-year program) at any time within the year since leaving high school?
- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended this type of program
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

Other Postsecondary Education or Training

- Q.7 Have you enrolled in a program to earn your adult **High School Completion document or certificate** such as Adult Basic Education or General Education Development (GED/HSED or GEDO2) at any time within the year since leaving high school?
- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended this type of program
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

- Q.8 Have you attended a private **Vocational School or short-term education program**, (less than two years) at any time within the year since leaving high school (e.g. truck-driving school, barber, or cosmetology)?
- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended this type of program
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

- Q.9 Have you participated in **any** type of, **job training program or short-term job training or apprenticeship program** like Job Corps, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Job Center, or workforce development program at any time within the year since leaving high school?
- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended this type of program
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

- Q.10 Have you participated in a formal **Humanitarian Program** such as the **Peace Corps, Vista, AmeriCorps** or a **Church Mission**, at any time within the year since leaving high school?
- Yes and I **completed at least one term**
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended this type of program
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

- Q.11 Have you participated in **any other** type of postsecondary school or program at any time within the year since leaving high school (i.e. on-line courses or education) not associated with another type of program listed above?
- Yes and I **completed at least one term** *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*
"Please describe the type of program you were or are in"
 - Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
 - No, I have not attended any other type of postsecondary school
 - Don't know/Refused / No answer

- Q.12 What is the **main** reason you have **not attended** a postsecondary education or training program? *(Choose one)*
- Did not plan to go on to postsecondary education / Don't want to continue my education
 - Can't afford to go to school / Not enough financial aid
 - Plan to go in the future / Plan to return after earning enough money to go / Working full-time / Doing something else first
 - No postsecondary opportunities / None close to home
 - Don't have the necessary skills/qualifications to enter postsecondary education
 - Unable to find transportation to school / No car / Can't get to campus
 - Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
 - Homemaker / Family obligations
 - Health or disability-related problems prevented attending postsecondary school
 - Other *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*
"Please describe the main reason you have not attended any type of postsecondary school"
 - Don't know /Refused / No answer

COMPETITIVE or OTHER EMPLOYMENT (Q. 13 – Q. 19)

“Thinking about the 12 months after you left high school, please answer the following questions, and include all of the places you have worked within the 12 months since leaving high school. Answer the questions thinking about your current or most recent job. If you work more than one job, you can combine the hours and salary.”

- Q.13 Which of these **best** describes your **employment status in the 12 months after leaving high school?** *(Choose one)*
- I have been employed for pay for 3 months (about 90 days total) at any time within the year since leaving high school. The days can be either in a row or added up, and can include paid leave, like sick days or vacation. *(Go to Q. 15)*
 - I have worked within the year since leaving high school, but it has been for less than for 90 days total. *(Go to Q. 14)*
 - I am not currently employed and I have not worked for pay since leaving high school *(Go to Q. 19)*
 - Don't know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q. 20)*
- Q.14 What is the **primary** reason you have worked less than 90 days within the year of leaving high school? *(Choose one)*
- Did not plan to work after high school / not looking / Volunteering / don't want to work at this time
 - Full-time student / Going to school
 - Unable to find work / Lack of employment opportunities
 - Don't have the necessary skills or qualifications to work / Disability prevents working
 - Unable to find transportation to work / No car / Can't get to work
 - Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
 - Homemaker / Family obligations
 - Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working more or working as much as I would like
 - Would lose benefits SSI benefits if I worked more or as much as I would like
 - Laid off / Recently dismissed / Fired
 - Other *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*
“Please describe the reason you have worked fewer than 90 days within the year of leaving high school”
 - Don't Know / Refused / No answer
- Q.15 Which of these describes your present or previous **job setting or location?** *Is or was your employment:* *(Choose one)*
- For a company, business or service In the **community**, like a department store or restaurant, where there are employees with and without disabilities
 - In the **Military** / Service
 - In a **Supported Employment** setting (paid work in the community, but can also include on-the-job training or assistance at work (e.g. a job coach, transportation, assistive technology, specialized job training or other individually tailored supervision) to help with their job)
 - Self-employment** or working in a **Family Business**. This includes being a homemaker or day care provider, or a business such as a farm, store, fishing, ranching, or catering service.
 - In an **Institutional or Residential** setting, such as a medical, correctional/**jail**, convalescent, or mental health facility
 - In a **Sheltered Employment** (a setting where most workers have disabilities)
 - Other *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*
“Please describe your current job setting”
 - Don't Know / Refused / No answer
- Q.16 On an average, how many **hours** do you or did you work per week? *(Choose one)*
- 35 or more hours per week
 - 20 – 34 hours per week
 - 16 – 19 hours per week
 - Less than 16 hours per week
 - Don't know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.17 Which of the following best describes your usual **hourly wage, including tips?** *(Choose one)*
- Less than the current minimum wage *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*
“Please describe your current employment and wage/how much you make”
 - Current minimum wage
 - More than the current minimum wage but less than \$10.00
 - Between \$10.00 and \$15.00
 - Above \$15.00
 - Don't know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.18 Do you or did you receive **benefits** from your employer such as sick leave, paid vacation, health insurance, or retirement?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know/ Refused / No answer

- Q.19 What is the **primary** reason you have not worked since leaving high school? **(Choose one)**
- Did not plan to go work after high school / not looking / Volunteering / Don't want to work at this time
 - Full-time student / Going to school
 - Unable to find work / Lack of employment opportunities
 - Don't have the necessary skills or qualifications to work / Disability prevents working
 - Unable to find transportation to work / No car / Can't get to work
 - Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
 - Homemaker / Family obligations
 - Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working
 - Would lose benefits SSI benefits if I worked
 - Laid off / Recently dismissed / Fired
 - Other **(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):**
"Please describe the reason you have not worked within the year of leaving high school"
 - Don't Know / Refused / No answer

ADULT LIVING (Q.20 – Q.22)

- Q.20 Which of these best describes your **current living arrangement**? **(Choose one)**
- With **parent or custodial guardian**
 - With **other family member** such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle, cousin, brother or sister
 - With a **spouse or roommate** in a home, apartment, college dorm, sorority or fraternity housing or other campus housing
 - Alone** in an apartment or a home
 - Military Housing / Barracks
 - Institutional residence, such as medical, correctional, convalescent, mental health
 - Supervised living residence such as assisted living center, group home, adult foster care
 - Other **(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):**
"Please describe your current living arrangements"
 - Don't Know / Refused / No answer

AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

- Q.21 Since leaving high school, have you **received services or assistance** or talked with anyone from any of the **following agencies**? **(Choose all that apply)**
- Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 - Rehabilitation Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
 - Division of Services for Persons with Disabilities (DSPD)
 - Department of Work Force Services (DWS)
 - Social Security Administration
 - College or university student assistance center
 - Disability Law Center
 - Other **(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):**
"Please describe the services you are receiving or have received"
 - No / None
 - Don't know / Refused to answer

22. What difficulties, if any, have you had being employed or attending post secondary school as you would like? *(Record comments)*

23. Thinking about the things you are doing now, what is something positive that happened while you were in high school to help you reach your goals? **(Prompt and record response in drop-down text box):**

"Thank you very much for participating in this survey. Your answers will help in improving future programs and services for students as they pursue their post high school interests and goals, and be shared with agencies that assist youth as they begin adult living."

"For any other information: Send an email that includes your phone number to Susan Loving, the Statewide Outcomes Project Director. Her email address is susan.lovings@schools.utah.gov or call 801-538-7645. You can also find more information on the Utah Post High School Outcomes Survey at www.utahposthighsurvey.org Thank you. Good-bye