

Utah 2026 Indicator 14 Post School Outcomes Survey Questions

June - September 2026

Respondents

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

- Successfully Completed Interviews** - phone answered by:
 - Former student**
 - Parent** (natural parent, step-parent, parent who is guardian ad litem)
 - Guardian / Adult Service Provider** (legal guardian other than the student's parent, 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 (record the type of communication 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 (5 or more attempts)
 - Other
- Ineligible** to participate because former student:
 - No longer receiving special ed services / Exited from special education / Exited the LEA
 - Did not yet graduate / Still in High School
 - Wrong exiting class (exited more than two years ago)
 - Deceased

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Q.2 Since leaving high school, have you participated **in any** type of college, courses, or job training? This can be things like college, adult or community education, a **Mission**, vocational school, job training, or an on-line course, keeping in mind that **military service is considered employment**.

- Yes, I am or **have participated in some type** of continuing education or humanitarian program (Go to Q.4)
- I have participated in continuing education since leaving high school **but discontinued** before completing the program (Go to Q.3)
- I have **not participated** in any further educational or training program (Go to Q.12)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer (Go to Q.13)

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

- Got a Job / Working / Did not want to continue my education / Doing something else
- 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
- No post secondary 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 / Had a baby
- Health or disability-related problems prevent me from continuing my education
- Other (prompt and record response if reason is other than listed above)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

Higher Education

Q.4 Have you enrolled in a **2-year college or community college**, such as Salt Lake Community College or Utah Career College 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.5 Have you enrolled in a **4-year college or university** such as the University of Utah, Brigham Young University or Southern Utah University?

- 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.6 Have you enrolled in a 2 year degree program at a **Technical College**, such as the Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH)?

- 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Other Postsecondary Education or Training

Q.7 Have you enrolled in a program to earn your **High School Completion document or certificate** such as General Education Development (GED), taken an **on-line course(s)**, or participated in **adult basic education**? *If the exiter responds that they participated in a post high program ask if this was a "post high special education program with a LEA." If they answer yes then they are ineligible for this survey.*

- 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.8 Have you attended a public or private **Vocational School or short-term education program** that is less than two years, like 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.9 Have you participated in a **job training program, on-the-job training or apprenticeship program** like Job Corps, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Job Center, or workforce development program?

- 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.10 Have you participated in a **Church Mission** or a **formal Humanitarian Program** such as the Peace Corps, Vista or AmeriCorps?

- 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.11 Have you participated in any **other type** of postsecondary school or program since leaving high school not listed above?

- Yes, and I **completed** at least one term (*prompt and record response*)
- Yes, but I **did not** complete at least one term
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.12 What is the main reason you have not attended a postsecondary education or training program?

- Working / Did not want to continue my education / Doing something else
- 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
- No post secondary 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 / Had a baby
- Health or disability-related problems prevented attending postsecondary school
- Other (*prompt and record response if reason is other than listed above*)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

EMPLOYMENT

Q.13 Which of these best describes your **employment** since leaving high school? Count **all of the days for all the jobs** you have had since high school include days for things like vacation, sick days, and being on your employer's payroll even if you are not currently working.

- I have been employed for at least 3 months, about 90 days total, since leaving high school. (*Go to Q.15*)
- I have worked since leaving high school, but it has been for less than 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 / Prefer Not to Answer (*Go to Q.20*)

Q.14 What is the **primary** reason you have worked less than 90 days since leaving high school?

- Not looking / Don't want to work at this time
- On a Mission** / Doing something else first / 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 / Had a baby
- Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working more or working as much as I would like
- Would lose Social Security (SSI) benefits if I worked more or as much as I would like
- Laid off / Recently dismissed / Fired
- Other (*prompt and record response if reason is other than listed above*)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.15 Which of these describes your present or previous **job setting or location**?

- Community** company, service, or business, like a grocery store or restaurant, where there are employees with and without disabilities
- Military** / Service
- Supported Employment** setting (paid work in the community, but can also include on-the-job training or assistance at work)
- 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

- Institutional or Residential** setting, such as a medical, correctional / **jail**, convalescent, or mental health facility
- Sheltered Employment** (a setting where most workers have disabilities)
- Other** (*Prompt and record response if setting is other than those listed above*)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.16 On average, how many hours do you or did you work per week?

- 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 / Prefer not to answer

Q.17 Which of the following best describes your usual **hourly wage, including tips**?

- Less than the current minimum wage (*prompt and record response*)
"Please describe your current employment and wage / how much you make"
- Current minimum wage (\$7.25 per hour OR a lower hourly wage for opportunity employee, OR \$2.13 per hour for wait or tipped employee, a wage that equal minimum wage when tips are included)
- More than the current minimum wage but less than \$10.00
- Between \$10.00 and \$15.00
- Above \$15.00
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to 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 / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.19 What is the **primary** reason you have not worked since leaving high school?

- Did not plan to go to work after high school / Not looking / Don't want to work at this time
- On a Mission** / Doing something else first / 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 / Had a baby
- Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working
- Would lose Social Security (SSI) benefits if I worked
- Laid off / Recently dismissed / Fired
- Other (*prompt and record response if reason is other than those listed above*)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

ADULT LIVING

Q.20 Which of these best describes your **current living arrangement**?

- 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 or residential, such as **jail** / correctional, medical, convalescent, mental health
- Supervised living residences such as assisted living center, group home, adult foster care
- Other (*prompt and record response if setting is other than those listed above*)

- Don't Know / Prefer Not to 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*)
- No / None
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer

Q.22 What **difficulties**, if any, have you had being employed or attending postsecondary school as you would like?

- Response provided (*Prompt and record response*)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer / None

Q.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?

- Response provided (*Prompt and record response*)
- Don't Know / Prefer Not to Answer / None

Q.24 Are you willing to be contacted again at a later date so we can learn more about how things are going for you (your student) since exiting school?

- Yes (*Prompt and record response*)
 - Please provide a current email address:
- No

“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 school interests and goals, as well as services for youth their first few years after high school.”

“If you have any questions about this survey, you can contact Lavinia Gripentrog, Transition specialist, Utah State Board of Education. Her email address is Lavinia.gripentrog@schools.utah.gov and her phone number is 801-538-7645. You can also find more information on the Utah Post School Outcomes Survey at www.utah-pso.org. Thank you.”
Goodbye.”