

2018 SURVEY DRAFT

I. Your college experience

Let's begin by learning about how you are experiencing college.

Please note that the survey refers to both undergraduate and graduate education as "college".

Q1. As of today, which college or university do you attend? (answers will be by dropdown options)

Q2. As of today, are you attending college full-time or part-time?

1. Full-time (at least 12 credits)
2. Part-time (less than 12 credits)

Q3. As of today, are you an undergraduate or graduate student?

1. Undergraduate
2. Graduate

If answered "Undergraduate" to Q3, then

Q4. How many years have you been in college?

Q5. Thinking about the past academic year, which of the following best describes your grades?

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. F
6. No grade or don't know

II. How you pay for college

Transition text: Next let's talk about how you are working to make ends meet.

Q6. Which of the following ways do you pay for the expenses associated with attending college? (check all that apply)

1. A work-study job
2. A job that isn't work-study (including self-employment)
3. Pell Grant
4. Other grants from the federal or state government
5. Other grants from my college or university

6. Student loans
7. Stipend or fellowship
8. Tuition remission
9. Help from family or friends
10. Savings
11. Credit cards
12. Employer support
13. Other _____

If select 1 or 2 for Q6

Q7. About how many hours do you generally work each week (include all your jobs)?

Q8. Thinking about all of your jobs, on average, about how much do you earn per hour?

1. \$7.25/hour
2. \$7.26 - \$10/hour
3. \$10.01 - \$15/hour
4. More than \$15/hour

If didn't select 1 or 2 for Q6, then

Q9. **In the past 30 days** have you been looking for work?

1. Yes
2. No

Transition: Now we'd like to learn a bit about what your life is like these days.

III. Your economic experiences

Q10. **In the past 12 months**, did you experience any of the following?

1. Not pay or underpay your rent or mortgage?
2. Receive a summons to appear in housing court?

3. Not pay the full amount of a gas, oil, or electricity bill?
4. Borrow money from friends or family to help pay bills?
5. Have an account default or go into collections?
6. Move in with other people, even for a little while, because of financial problems?
7. Live with others beyond the expected capacity of the house or apartment?

Q11. **In the past 12 months**, was there a rent or mortgage increase that made it difficult to pay?"

1. Yes
2. No

Q12. **In the past 12 months**, how many times have you moved?

Q13. **In the past 12 months**, did you leave your household because you felt unsafe?

1. Yes
2. No

Q14. How safe do you feel where you currently live?

1. Not at all safe
2. A little bit safe
3. Somewhat safe
4. Very safe
5. Extremely safe

Q15. **In the past 12 months**, have you ever been homeless?

Q16. **In the past 12 months**, did you couch surf – that is, moved from one temporary housing arrangement to another because you had no other place to live?

Q17. **In the past 12 months**, have you slept in any of the following places? Please check all that apply?

1. Campus or university housing
2. Sorority/fraternity house
3. In a rented or owned house, mobile home, or apartment (alone or with roommates or friends)

4. In a rented or owned house, mobile home, or apartment with my family (parent, guardian, or relative)
5. At a shelter
6. In a camper
7. Temporarily staying with a relative, friend, or couch surfing until I find other housing
8. Temporarily at a hotel or motel without a permanent home to return to (not on vacation or business travel)
9. In transitional housing or independent living program
10. At a group home such as halfway house or residential program for mental health or substance abuse
11. At a treatment center (such as detox, hospital, etc.)
12. Outdoor location such as street, sidewalk, or alley, bus or train stop, campground or woods, park, beach, or riverbed, under bridge or overpass
13. In a closed area/space with a roof not meant for human habitation such as abandoned building, car or truck, van, RV, or camper, encampment or tent, or unconverted garage, attic, or basement

Q18. Is your home in a public housing project, owned by a local housing authority or other public agency?

1. Yes
2. No

Q19. Do you receive a public housing voucher, such as Section 8, to subsidize the cost of private housing?

1. Yes
2. No

Q20. Do you have any biological, adopted, step or foster children who live in your household?

1. Yes
2. No

If yes to Q20, then:

Q21: Please indicate the number of biological, adopted, step, or foster children who live in your household.

Q22. These next questions are about the food you have eaten in your household **in the last 30 days**, and whether you were able to afford the food you need.

In the last 30 days, were the following situations often true, sometimes true, or never true for you?

Q22a. "I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more." Was that often true, sometimes true, or never true for you in the last 30 days?

- a. Often true
- b. Sometimes true
- c. Never true

Q22b. "The food that I bought just didn't last and I didn't have money to get more." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 30 days?

- d. Often true
- e. Sometimes true
- f. Never true

Q22c. "I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 30 days?

- g. Often true
- h. Sometimes true
- i. Never true

If respondent answers "Often true" or "Sometimes true" for any one of questions Q22a, Q22b, or Q22c, then:

Q22d. In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

If yes, then:

Q22e. In the last 30 days, how often did this happen (you cut the size of your meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food)?

Q22f. In the last 30 days, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

- 1. Yes

2. No

Q22g. In the last 30 days, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. Yes
2. No

Q22h. In the last 30 days, did you lose weight because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. Yes
2. No

If respondent answers "Yes" to any one of questions Q22d, Q22f, Q22g, or Q22h, then:

Q22i. In the last 30 days, did you ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. Yes
2. No

If yes, then:

Q22j. In the last 30 days, how often did this happen (you did not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food)?

If respondent answers "Yes" to Q20 (they have at least one child who lives in the household)

The next questions are statements that people have made about the food situation of their children.

Q22k. "I relied on only a few kinds of low-cost food to feed my children because I was running out of money to buy food." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 30 days?

1. Often true
2. Sometimes true
3. Never true

Q22l. "I couldn't feed my children a balanced meal, because I couldn't afford that." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 30 days?

1. Often true
2. Sometimes true
3. Never true

Q22m. "My child was not eating enough because I just couldn't afford enough food." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 30 days?

1. Often true
2. Sometimes true
3. Never true

If respondent answered "Often true" or Sometimes true" for any one of questions Q22k, Q22l, or Q22m, then:

Q22n. In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of your children's meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. Yes
2. No

Q22o. In the last 30 days, did your children ever skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. Yes
2. No

If yes, then:

Q22p. In the last 30 days, how often did this happen (your children skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food)?

Q22q. In the last 30 days, were your children ever hungry but you just couldn't afford more food?

1. Yes
2. No

Q22r. In the last 30 days, did any of your children ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

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1. Yes
 2. No

Q23. Do you purchase a college meal plan?

1. Yes
2. No

If yes to Q23, then:

Q24. What type of meal plan do you have?

1. I purchase a set number of meals
2. I purchase flexible points (or dining hall dollars) that can be used to purchase meals
3. I purchase a combination of meals and points
4. Other – please specify

Q25. How many meals does your meal plan provide each week?

1. 0-11
2. 12-15
3. 16 or more

Q26. How many meals do you think you eat in the dining hall in a typical week?

- a. I never plan to eat there
- b. 1-5 meals per week
- c. 6-10 meals per week
- d. 11-15 meals per week
- e. 16 or more meals per week

Q27. **In the past 12 months**, did you ever not eat or eat less than you felt you should during winter and spring breaks because the dining halls were closed?

1. Yes
2. No

Only if respondent answered that they had stayed in “Campus or university housing” for Q17

Q28. Does your college have on-campus residence halls?

1. Yes
2. No

Q29. **In the last 12 months**, have you ever not known where you would stay during winter/spring breaks because the on-campus residence halls were closed?

1. Yes
2. No

Q30. **In the past 12 months**, were there times when you stayed in someone else's room in an on-campus residence hall because you didn't have anywhere else to sleep?

1. Yes
2. No

Q31. **In the past 12 months**, were there times you stayed in someone else's room in an on-campus residence hall but had to leave because of administration rules?

1. Yes
2. No

Q32. **In the past 12 months**, from which of the following programs did you receive assistance? (check Yes/No)

1. SNAP (food stamps)
2. WIC (nutritional assistance for pregnant women and children)
3. TANF (public cash assistance; formerly called ADC or ADFC)
4. SSI (supplemental security income)
5. SSDI (social security disability income)
6. Medicaid or Public health insurance
7. Child care assistance
8. Unemployment compensation/insurance
9. Utility assistance (e.g. help paying for heat or water)
10. Housing assistance
11. Transportation assistance
12. Tax refunds (including EITC)
13. Veterans benefits (Veteran's Administration benefits for a servicemen's, widow's, or survivor's pension, service disability or the GI bill)

IV. About you

Transition: Finally, just a few more questions about yourself.

Q33. At birth, what sex were you assigned on your birth certificate?

1. Female
2. Male

Q34. Currently, how do you describe yourself? (check all that apply)

1. Male
2. Female
3. Transgender
4. Do not identify as female, male, or transgender.

Q35. Do you consider yourself to be:

1. Heterosexual or straight
2. Gay or lesbian
3. Bisexual
4. Not sure or neither heterosexual, gay, lesbian, or bisexual

Q36. In what year were you born?

Q37. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?

Q38. Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? (Please select the answer that is most applicable)

Q39. How do you usually describe your race and/or ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

1. White or Caucasian
2. African American or Black
3. Hispanic or Latino
4. American Indian or Alaskan Native
5. Middle Eastern or North African or Arab or Arab American
6. Southeast Asian
7. Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
8. Other Asian or Asian-American
9. Other (please specify)

10. Not applicable-I would prefer not to identify my race/ethnicity

Q40. What is the highest level of education completed by either of your parents and/or guardians?

1. Eighth grade or lower
2. Between 9th and 12th grade (but no high school diploma)
3. High school diploma
4. GED
5. Some college (but no college degree)
6. College certificate or diploma
7. Associate's degree
8. Bachelor's degree
9. Graduate degree
10. Don't know

Q41. In the last year, did a parent or guardian claim you as a "dependent" for tax purposes?

Q42. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions? (Mark Yes or No for each item)

1. Learning disability (dyslexia, etc.)
2. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
3. Autism spectrum disorder
4. Physical disability (speech, sight, mobility, hearing, etc.)
5. Chronic illness (cancer, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, etc.)
6. Psychological disorder (depression, etc.)
7. Other

Q43. How would you describe your current relationship status?

1. Single
2. In a relationship
3. Married or domestic partnership
4. Divorced
5. Widowed

Q44. Have you ever been in foster care?

1. Yes
2. No

Q45. Thinking back to the last full week that began on a Monday and ended on a Sunday, for about how many total hours and minutes did you spend doing each of the following activities?

If you did not do an activity during the last full week, please enter "0" hours and "0" minutes.

1. Q34a. Working for pay
2. Q34b. Commuting to or from work or school
3. Q34c. Sleeping
4. Q34d. Leisure activities (for example, spending time with friends, watching TV or movies, using the internet for leisure, talking or texting on the phone)
5. Q34e. Taking care of a child or adult family member
6. Q34f. Attending college classes, labs, or discussion sections either in person or online
7. Q34g. Preparing for class by yourself or with others by studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, or doing other academic activities