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Q3-A [Q3-A]

Now I would like to ask you some questions about school...

Lead-in: Q2-48 [Def]

Q3-B [Q3-B]

First I would like to ask you about regular school, such as high school, college, or graduate school. By regular school we mean school which can be counted toward a high school diploma or a bachelor or graduate degree. Later in the interview I'll be asking about other types of schools and training programs.

Lead-in: Q3-A [Def]

R58211. [Q3-1]

At ANY time SINCE [Date of last interview], have you attended or been enrolled in regular school? (READ IF NECESSARY:)--that is, in an elementary school, a middle school, a high school, a college, or a graduate school?

1 YES...(Go to Q3-1A)

0 NO

Go To: Q3-7

Lead-in: Q3-B [Def]

R58212. [Q3-1A]

Since [M/Y format of Date of last interview], in which months were you attending regular school? (If you were attending regular school AT ALL during the month, count it as a month attending school.)

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY.) (INTERVIEWER: PLEASE SCROLL THROUGH LIST BELOW AND CHOOSE ALL MONTHS IN 1996, 1997 AND 1998 THAT APPLY.)

1 JANUARY 1996	10 OCTOBER 1996	19 JULY 1997	28 APRIL 1998
2 FEBRUARY 1996	11 NOVEMBER 1996	20 AUGUST 1997	29 MAY 1998
3 MARCH 1996	12 DECEMBER 1996	21 SEPTEMBER 1997	30 JUNE 1998
4 APRIL 1996	13 JANUARY 1997	22 OCTOBER 1997	31 JULY 1998
5 MAY 1996	14 FEBRUARY 1997	23 NOVEMBER 1997	32 AUGUST 1998
6 JUNE 1996	15 MARCH 1997	24 DECEMBER 1997	33 SEPTEMBER 1998
7 JULY 1996	16 APRIL 1997	25 JANUARY 1998	34 OCTOBER 1998
8 AUGUST 1996	17 MAY 1997	26 FEBRUARY 1998	35 NOVEMBER 1998
9 SEPTEMBER 1996	18 JUNE 1997	27 MARCH 1998	36 DECEMBER 1998

Lead-in: Q3-1 [1:1]

R58213. [Q3-1B]

Are you CURRENTLY attending or enrolled in REGULAR school?

1 YES...(Go to Q3-1C)

0 NO

Go To: Q3-2

Lead-in: Q3-1A [Def]

R58214. [Q3-1C]

What grade or year of regular school are you attending or enrolled in?

1 1ST GRADE 7 7TH GRADE 13 1ST YEAR COLLEGE 18 6TH YEAR COLLEGE

2	2ND GRADE	8	8TH GRADE	14	2ND YEAR COLLEGE	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
3	3RD GRADE	9	9TH GRADE	15	3RD YEAR COLLEGE	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
4	4TH GRADE	10	10TH GRADE	16	4TH YEAR COLLEGE		
5	5TH GRADE	11	11TH GRADE	17	5TH YEAR COLLEGE	95	UNGRADED
6	6TH GRADE	12	12TH GRADE				

Go To: Q3-3

Lead-in: Q3-1B [1:1]

R58215. [Q3-2]

In what month and year were you last enrolled in regular school? Enter Date: |__|_| |__|_|_|_|_|
 Mon Year

Lead-in: Q3-1B [Def]

R58216. [Q3-2A]

What is the main reason you left at that time? (RECORD VERBATIM AND CODE ONLY ONE.)

(IF MORE THAN ONE REASON GIVEN, PROBE:) What is the one main reason?

1	RECEIVED DEGREE, COMPLETED COURSE WORK	8	COULDN'T AFFORD TO GO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
2	GETTING MARRIED		
3	PREGNANCY	9	ENTERED MILITARY
4	OTHER REASONS DIDN'T LIKE SCHOOL	10	EXPELLED OR SUSPENDED
5	LACK OF ABILITY, POOR GRADES	11	SCHOOL TOO DANGEROUS
6	HOME RESPONSIBILITIES	12	MOVED AWAY FROM SCHOOL
7	OFFERED GOOD JOB, CHOSE TO WORK	13	OTHER (SPECIFY)

Lead-in: Q3-2 [Def]

R58217. [Q3-3]

What is the highest grade of regular school you have ever attended?

1	1ST GRADE	7	7TH GRADE	13	1ST YEAR COLLEGE	18	6TH YEAR COLLEGE
2	2ND GRADE	8	8TH GRADE	14	2ND YEAR COLLEGE	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
3	3RD GRADE	9	9TH GRADE	15	3RD YEAR COLLEGE	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
4	4TH GRADE	10	10TH GRADE	16	4TH YEAR COLLEGE		
5	5TH GRADE	11	11TH GRADE	17	5TH YEAR COLLEGE	95	UNGRADED
6	6TH GRADE	12	12TH GRADE				

Lead-in: Q3-1C [Def], Q3-2A [Def]

R58218. [Q3-4]

What is the highest grade or year of regular school that you have completed and gotten credit for? (SELECT ONE CODE BELOW).

1	1ST GRADE	7	7TH GRADE	13	1ST YEAR COLLEGE	18	6TH YEAR COLLEGE
2	2ND GRADE	8	8TH GRADE	14	2ND YEAR COLLEGE	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
3	3RD GRADE	9	9TH GRADE	15	3RD YEAR COLLEGE	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
4	4TH GRADE	10	10TH GRADE	16	4TH YEAR COLLEGE		
5	5TH GRADE	11	11TH GRADE	17	5TH YEAR COLLEGE	95	UNGRADED
6	6TH GRADE	12	12TH GRADE				

Lead-in: Q3-3 [Def]

R58220. [Q3-5C]

([Q3-4]); /* What is the highest grade R has attended since last interview? */

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 0 NONE | 7 7TH GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 15 3RD YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) |
| 93 PRE-KINDERGARTEN | 8 8TH GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 16 4TH YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) |
| 94 KINDERGARTEN | 9 9TH GRADE.(Go to Q3-7) | 17 5TH YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) |
| 1 1ST GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 10 10TH GRADE.(Go to Q3-7) | 18 6TH YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) |
| 2 2ND GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 11 11TH GRADE.(Go to Q3-7) | 19 7TH YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) |
| 3 3RD GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 12 12TH GRADE.(Go to Q3-7) | 20 8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE.(Go to Q3-7) |
| 4 4TH GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 13 1ST YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) | 95 UNGRADED.(Go to Q4-A) |
| 5 5TH GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | 14 2ND YEAR COLLEGE.(Go to Q3-7) | |
| 6 6TH GRADE.(Go to Q4-A) | | |

Go To: Q4-A

Lead-in: Q3-4 [Def]

R58221. [Q3-7]

([High school diploma or GED reported as of last interview? (with possible update during survey)] = 1);
/* Did R have a HS diploma or GED at the date of last interview? */

- 1 CONDITION APPLIES...(Go to Q3-9)
0 CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY

Lead-in: Q3-1 [Def], Q3-5C [14:20], Q3-5C [13:13], Q3-5C [9:12]

R58222. [Q3-8]

Do you have a high school diploma or have you ever passed a high school equivalency or GED test?

- 1 YES...(Go to Q3-8A)
0 NO

Go To: Q4-A

Lead-in: Q3-7 [Def]

R58223. [Q3-8A]

Which do you have, a high school diploma or a GED?

- 1 High school diploma...(Go to Q3-8C)
2 GED...(Go to Q3-8B)
3 (IF VOLUNTEERED:) BOTH...(Go to Q3-8C)

Go To: Q3-8C

Lead-in: Q3-8 [1:1]

R58224. [Q3-8B]

When did you receive your GED? Enter Date:
Mon Year

Go To: Q3-9

Lead-in: Q3-8A [2:2]

R58225. [Q3-8C]

When did you receive your high school diploma? Enter Date:
Mon Year

Lead-in: Q3-8A [Def], Q3-8A [3:3], Q3-8A [1:1]

R58226. [Q3-9]

([R currently enrolled in school?]=1); /* Did R attend since DLI but not currently attending */

- 1 CONDITION APPLIES...(Go to Q3-10A)
0 CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY

Go To: Q3-11

Lead-in: Q3-8B [Def], Q3-8C [Def], Q3-7 [1:1]

R58227. [Q3-10A]

Since [Date of last interview], have you obtained any kind of academic degree, for example, an associate's degree or any other type of college degree?

- 1 YES...(Go to Q3-10B)
0 NO

Go To: Q3-11

Lead-in: Q3-9 [1:1]

R58228. [Q3-10B]

(HAND CARD C) What is the name of the highest degree you have received since [Date of last interview]? (CODE ONE ONLY.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 High school diploma (or equivalent) | 5 Master's Degree (MA, MBA, MS, MSW) |
| 2 Associate/Junior College (AA) | 6 Doctoral Degree (PhD) |
| 3 Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA) | 7 Professional Degree (MD, LLD, DDS) |
| 4 Bachelor of Science (BS) | 8 Other (SPECIFY) |

Lead-in: Q3-10A [1:1]

R58229. [Q3-10C]

In what month and year did you complete that degree? Enter Date:
Mon Year

Lead-in: Q3-10B [Def]

R58230. [Q3-11]

((([R currently enrolled in school?] = 1) and ([Grade or year of school respondent currently attending or enrolled in (not used in text)] >= 13)) or (([R currently enrolled in school?] = 1) and ([Highest grade ever attended?] >= 13)));
/* Has R attended grade 13 or higher since the date of last interview? */

- 1 CONDITION APPLIES...(Go to Q3-13)
0 CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY

Go To: Q4-A

Lead-in: Q3-9 [Def], Q3-10A [Def], Q3-10C [Def]

Q3-13 [Q3-13]

Now, I would like to ask you about ALL of the degree-granting colleges or universities you have attended since [Date of last interview]. Let's start with the most recent first.

Lead-in: Q3-11 [1:1]

R58231. [Q3-13A]

SYMBOLIST([college attending at dli (initial on info sheet)]); /* Is there a university on the info sheet to match against? */

- 1 CONDITION APPLIES...(Go to Q3-13B)
0 CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY

Go To: Q3-14A-LOOP-BEGIN

Lead-in: Q3-13 [Def]

R58232. [Q3-13B]

We have [college attending at dli (initial on info sheet)] as the university you were attending on [Date of last interview]. Is this correct?

- 1 YES...(Go to Q3-14A-LOOP-BEGIN)
- 0 NO

Lead-in: Q3-13A [1:1]

Q3-13C [Q3-13C]

INTERVIEWER: ENTER THE CORRECT UNIVERSITY R ATTENDED ON [Date of last interview] BELOW. IF R ATTENDED NO UNIVERSITY ON [Date of last interview], PRESS THE "SPACE BAR" ONCE AND THEN THE <ENTER> KEY.

Enter Answer: _____

Lead-in: Q3-13B [Def]

Q3-14A-LOOP-BEGIN [Q3-14A-LOOP-BEGIN]

REPEAT([loop counter]); /* Begin loop about schools attended */

Lead-in: Q3-13A [Def], Q3-13C [Def], Q3-13B [1:1]

R58233. [Q3-14Bb]

SYMBOLEXIST([University or college attended at date of last interview (with employer update during survey)]);
/* Is there a university on the info sheet to match against? */

- 1 CONDITION APPLIES...(Go to Q3-14C)
- 0 CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY

Go To: Q3-14Cc

Lead-in: Q3-14A-LOOP-BEGIN [Def]

R58236. [Q3-14C]

Is [Name of college or university respondent attended()] the same college or university that you (are currently attending/have most recently attended)?

- 1 YES...(Go to Q3-17)
- 0 NO

Lead-in: Q3-14Bb [1:1]

Q3-14Cc [Q3-14Cc]

What is the name of the [first /next()] college or university you attended since [Date of last interview]?

Enter Answer: _____

Lead-in: Q3-14Bb [Def], Q3-14C [Def]

Q3-17 [Q3-17]

Where is this school located? What is the town or city? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: ENTER TOWN OR CITY.)

Enter Answer: _____

Lead-in: Q3-14Cc [Def], Q3-14C [1:1]

R58239. [Q3-18]

(INTERVIEWER: IS THIS SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE U.S.?)

- 1 YES
- 0 NO...(Go to Q3-20)

Lead-in: Q3-17 [Def]

Q3-19 [Q3-19]

What is the state? CHOOSE STATE OR U.S. TERRITORY FROM LIST

Go To: Q3-21

Lead-in: Q3-18 [Def]

Q3-20 [Q3-20]

What is the country? Enter Answer: _____

Lead-in: Q3-18 [0:0]

R58242. [Q3-21]

(Is/Was) [Name of college or university respondent attended()] a 2-year or 4-year school?

- 1 2-year
- 2 4-year

Lead-in: Q3-19 [Def], Q3-20 [Def]

R58245. [Q3-22]

When did you first attend or enroll in this (college/university)? Enter Date: |__|_| |__|_|_|_|_|
Mon Year

Lead-in: Q3-21 [Def]

R64678. [Q3-23]

What (is/was) your field of study at [Name of college or university respondent attended()]?

(RECORD VERBATIM. PROBE IF NECESSARY:) What (are/were) you majoring in?

Enter Answer: _____

Lead-in: Q3-22 [Def]

R58248. [Q3-24]

(Does/Did) [Name of college or university respondent attended()] consider you a full-time or part-time student?

(IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE:) What (do/did) you consider yourself?

- 1 Full-Time
- 2 Part-Time

Lead-in: Q3-23 [Def]

R58251. [Q3-25]

What (is/was) the total number of credit hours you (have) ever earned at [Name of college or university respondent

attended()]?

Enter Answer: |_|_|_|_|

Lead-in: Q3-24 [Def]

R58254. [Q3-26]

Since [Date of last interview], did you receive a loan to cover any of the costs for your college expenses at [Name of college or university respondent attended()]?

- 1 YES...(Go to Q3-27)
- 0 NO

Go To: Q3-28

Lead-in: Q3-25 [Def]

R58257. [Q3-27]

How much was the total dollar value of all the loans you have received for your college expenses at [Name of college or university respondent attended()] since [Date of last interview]?

Enter Answer: |_|_|_|_|_|_|

Lead-in: Q3-26 [1:1]

R58259. [Q3-28]

Are you currently attending or enrolled in [Name of college or university respondent attended()]?

- 1 YES
- 0 NO...(Go to Q3-29)

Go To: Q3-30

Lead-in: Q3-26 [Def], Q3-27 [Def]

R58262. [Q3-29]

When did you last attend [Name of college or university respondent attended()]?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: DATE FIRST ATTENDED: [Month/year respondent first attended university or college, if different from that listed at date of last interview()].)

Enter Date: |_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_|
 Mon Year

Lead-in: Q3-28 [0:0]

R58265. [Q3-30]

Have you attended any other college or university since [Date of last interview]?

- 1 YES
- 0 NO

Lead-in: Q3-28 [Def], Q3-29 [Def]

Q3-31-LOOP-END [Q3-31-LOOP-END]

UNTIL([loop counter], ([Did R attend any other schools?] = 0));

Lead-in: Q3-30 [Def]
