HIGH SCHOOL & Beyond

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Fifth Follow-up Study Conducted by

NORC at the UNIVERSITY of CHICAGO

Please update your name and address below (if needed) and answer the questions in this booklet.

The High School and Beyond study is funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and is being conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. We are surveying individuals who went to high school in the 1980's to better understand how their education and workforce experiences as early adults have affected their circumstances later in life. This survey takes about 10 minutes, and your participation is voluntary. You may choose to skip any questions you don't wish to answer. Any information you provide will be kept confidential. Only the research team will have full access to your data and know that you were a part of the study. No personal identifying information is ever released to the public, and the information you give will only be used for research purposes.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

This is how we have your name and address:

Please provide your updated information:

First and last name

Address 1

Address 2

City / State / ZIP

Is this correct?

- ☐ Yes, it is all correct
- ☐ No, some information is incorrect

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Section A. High School Verification

This survey is for people who were originally selected for the High School and Beyond Study in 1980. These questions verify that we have reached the correct person who originally participated in the High School and Beyond Study in 1980.

1. **Are you a male or female?** *Please select one.*

- [1] ☐ Male
- [2] ☐ Female
- [3] ☐ Other/transgendered

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2. **What is your date of birth?**

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Month		Day		Year			

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3. **Did you attend high school in 1980?**

- [1] ☐ Yes
- [2] ☐ No

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4. **What high school did you attend in 1980 (when you were a sophomore)?**

1980 High School Name:_____

1980 High School City/State:_____

Section B. Education

These questions are about your educational experience since you last participated in the High School and Beyond study. You'll find the year you last participated on the front cover under your name and mailing address.

5. **Have you received a high school diploma, certificate of attendance, or a GED or other equivalency since the last time you participated?**

- [1] ☐ Yes
- [2] ☐ No ⋯⋯➔ ***Go to Question 12***

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6. **What type of high school diploma or certificate did you complete? Did you receive a diploma, certificate of attendance, GED or other equivalency certificate?** *Please select one.*

- [1] ☐ Diploma
- [2] ☐ Certificate of attendance
- [3] ☐ GED or other certificate

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7. **In what year did you receive your high school diploma, certificate of attendance, GED or other equivalency certificate?**

Year			

8. **Since you last participated in this study, have you taken any <u>academic</u> courses for credit in a four-year college or university or a two-year college?** *Do not include commercial, vocational or technical training, apprenticeships, or on-the-job training.*

[1] ☐ Yes

[2] ☐ No ⇢ ***Go to Question 12***

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9. **Have you earned a degree from a college or university since you last participated?**

[1] ☐ Yes

[2] ☐ No ⇢ ***Go to Question 12***

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10. **What is the <u>highest</u> degree you have earned since you last participated?** *Please select one.*

[1] ☐ Associate's Degree

[2] ☐ Bachelor's Degree

[3] ☐ Master's Degree

[4] ☐ Doctorate Degree or Professional Degree (e.g., MD, JD, VMD)

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11. **In what year did you complete this degree?**

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Year

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12. **Since you last participated, have you completed any formal apprenticeships or on-the-job training or have you taken any courses at a vocational, technical, or trade school?**

[1] ☐ Yes

[2] ☐ No ⇢ ***Go to Section C, Question 16***

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13. **Have you earned a degree, certificate, or other credential as part of any formal commercial, vocational or technical training, apprenticeships, or on-the-job training since you last participated?**

[1] ☐ Yes

[2] ☐ No ⇢ ***Go to Section C, Question 16***

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14. **What is the <u>most recent</u> such degree, certificate, or other credential you have earned since you last participated?**

Degree/Certificate:_____

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15. **In what year did you complete your certification?**

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Year

Section C. Family

This section includes two questions about your family situation.

These two questions are very important. Researchers use this information to understand the relationship between family composition and other life outcomes. Please answer to the best of your ability.

16. **What is your current marital status? Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed or have you never been married?** *Please select one.*

- [1] ☐ Currently married
- [2] ☐ Separated
- [3] ☐ Divorced
- [4] ☐ Widowed
- [5] ☐ Never married

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17. **How many children do you have?** *Please include adopted and stepchildren, as well as children born to you.*

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Number of children

Section D. Health

18. **Would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?** *Please select one.*

- [1] ☐ Excellent
- [2] ☐ Very good
- [3] ☐ Good
- [4] ☐ Fair
- [5] ☐ Poor

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19. **Have you <u>ever</u> had any long-term physical or mental conditions, illnesses or disabilities that limited what you were able to do, either on or off the job?**

- [1] ☐ Yes
- [2] ☐ No ⇢ ***Go to Question 22***

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20. **What were the <u>most recent</u> long-term physical or mental conditions, illnesses or disabilities that limited what you were able to do, either on or off the job?**

Condition(s):_____

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21. **When did this condition stop limiting what you are able to do, or does it still limit what you are able to do?** *Please provide <u>one</u> answer.*

- [1] ☐ <u>AGE</u> when condition stopped limiting me: ☐☐
- [2] ☐ <u>YEAR</u> when condition stopped limiting me: ☐☐☐☐
- [3] ☐ Still limits me

22. **About how much do you weigh?**

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Pounds

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23. **About how tall are you?**

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Feet Inches

Section E. Work

This section asks about your current employment situation and your current or most recent job. Researchers use this information to better understand the relationship between employment patterns and other life choices. Please answer to the best of your ability.

24. **Are you working now, temporarily laid off, unemployed and looking for work, disabled and unable to work, retired, a homemaker, or what?** *Please select one.*

1☐ Working now ····→ ***Skip to Question 27***
2☐ Unemployed and looking for work ····→ ***Skip to Question 26***
3☐ Temporarily laid off, on sick leave or other leave ····→ ***Skip to Question 26***
5☐ Retired ····→ ***Skip to Question 26***
4☐ Disabled
6☐ Homemaker
7☐ Other, please specify: _____

Go to Question 25

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25. **Have you ever worked for pay?**

1☐ Yes
2☐ No ····→ ***Go to Question 33***

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26. **In what year did you last work for pay?**

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Year

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27. **For questions 27-32, please think about your current (main job) or the most recent (main) job you held. Your main job is the one at which you work/worked the most hours per week.**

What kind of work are/were you doing at this job? *Please describe.*

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28. **What are/were your most important activities or duties?** *Please describe.*

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29. **In a typical week, how many hours per week do/did you work?**

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Hours

30. **What kind of business or industry is/was this?** *Please describe.*

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31. **Is/Was this mainly manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, or something else?** *Please select one.*

1☐ Manufacturing
2☐ Wholesale trade
3☐ Retail trade
4☐ Something else

32. **Are/Were you employed by government, by a private company or organization, or are/were you self-employed or working in a family business?** *Please select one.*

1☐ Government
2☐ Private company or organization
3☐ Self-employed
4☐ Working in a family business

33. **On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means absolutely no chance and 100 means absolutely certain, what do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 62?**

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Chance working at 62

34. **On the same 0 to 100 scale, what do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 70?**

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Chance working at 70

Section F. Future Contact

We hope to continue the High School and Beyond study in the future, and would like if you'd continue to participate. If a future study is conducted, you can decide whether you wish to participate or not at that time.

35. **Please provide the phone numbers and an email address where you can be reached.**

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Home phone

☐☐☐ - ☐☐☐ - ☐☐☐☐
Work phone

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Cell phone

_____@_____ • _____
Email

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36. **Please provide the name and contact information of the person who is likely to know where you can be reached in case your address changes in the near future. We will only contact this person, if we are unable to find you.**

_____ _____
First name Last name

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Relationship of contact to you

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Contact's phone

_____@_____ • _____
Email

_____
Street address

_____ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐
City State ZIP

Thank you for completing the questionnaire!

Please return the completed questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided.

If you have questions about this study, need assistance, or wish to complete the full 40-minute interview, please contact NORC toll free at 1-877-346-7151, send an email to HS&B@norc.org, or visit the study website at https://hsandb.norc.org/. If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, you may call the NORC Institutional Review Board Administrator, toll free, at 1-866-309-0542.

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