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Fourth Follow-up Study

Conducted by

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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 National Science Foundation and is being conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. We are surveying individuals who were in high school in 1980 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 name 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/transgender

2. What is your date of birth?

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Month Day Year

3. Did you attend high school in 1980?

1❑ Yes
2❑ No

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

_____
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. 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 9***

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

1❑ Yes
2❑ No → ***Go to Question 9***

7. 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)

8. In what year did you complete this degree?

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Year

9. 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 13***

10. 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 13***

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

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Degree/Certificate

12. In what year did you complete your certification?

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Year

Section C. Family

13. 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

Section D. Opinions

How do you feel about each of the following statements? Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree or strongly disagree.

14. Good luck is more important than hard work for success. Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree? *Please select one.*

1 ❑ Strongly agree
2 ❑ Agree
3 ❑ Neither agree nor disagree
4 ❑ Disagree
5 ❑ Strongly disagree

15. Every time I try to get ahead, something or somebody stops me. Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree? *Please select one.*

1 ❑ Strongly agree
2 ❑ Agree
3 ❑ Neither agree nor disagree
4 ❑ Disagree
5 ❑ Strongly disagree

16. What happens to me is my own doing. Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree? *Please select one.*

1 ❑ Strongly agree
2 ❑ Agree
3 ❑ Neither agree nor disagree
4 ❑ Disagree
5 ❑ Strongly disagree

17. When I make plans, I am almost certain I can make them work. Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree? *Please select one.*

1 ❑ Strongly agree
2 ❑ Agree
3 ❑ Neither agree nor disagree
4 ❑ Disagree
5 ❑ Strongly disagree

Section E. Health

The next questions ask about your 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

19. During the past 4 weeks, how often did you feel fretful, angry, irritable, anxious, or depressed? *Please select one.*

1 ❑ Rarely
2 ❑ Occasionally
3 ❑ Often
4 ❑ Almost always

20. Have you ever 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 23***

21. What were the most recent 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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22. 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 one answer.*

1 ❑ Age when condition stopped limiting me: → ☐☐ Age

2 ❑ Year when condition stopped limiting me: → ☐☐☐☐ Year

3 ❑ Still limits me

23. About how much do you weigh?

☐☐☐ Pounds

24. About how tall are you?

☐ Feet ☐☐ Inches

Section E. Work

This section asks about your current employment situation and your current or most recent job.

25. 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 28***

2 ❑ Unemployed and looking for work
3 ❑ Temporarily laid off, on sick leave or other leave
5 ❑ Retired
→ ***Skip to Question 27***

4 ❑ Disabled
6 ❑ Homemaker
7 ❑ Other, *please explain:*
→ ***Skip to Question 26***

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26. Have you ever worked for pay?

1 ❑ Yes

2 ❑ No → ***Go to Question 34***

27. In what year did you last work for pay?

☐☐☐☐ Year

For questions 28-33, 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.

28. What kind of work are/were you doing at this job?

For example: Registered nurse, personnel manager, supervisor of order department, secretary, or accountant.

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29. What are/were your most important activities or duties? *Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization.*

For example: Patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, or reconciling financial records.

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

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Hours

31. What kind of business or industry is/was this? *Describe the activity at the location where employed.*

For example: Hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engineering manufacturing, or bank.

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32. 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

33. 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

34. 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

35. How confident are you that you could come up with $2,000 in the next month if an unexpected need arose? Would you say that you could definitely, probably, probably not or definitely not come up with the money? *Please select one.*

1 ❑ Definitely
2 ❑ Probably
3 ❑ Probably not
4 ❑ Definitely not

Section F. Future Contact

We hope to continue the High School and Beyond study in the future, and would like it 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.

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

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Home phone

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Work phone

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Cell phone

_____@_____._____
Email

37. 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

_____
Relationship of contact to you

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Contact's phone

_____@_____._____
Email

_____
Street address

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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 or need assistance, please contact NORC by calling us at t 1-877-346-7151, sending an email to HS&B@norc.org, or updating your information on 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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Any comments about this survey!