

## Teens & Careers Survey

*Theme: How work ready are you? How does your work readiness/ economic education prepare you for planning for your future career or dream job?*

1. What kind of job do you want to do after graduation?
  - I want to work in the medical/dental field (doctor, nurse, veterinarian, dentist, dental hygienist, physical therapist, etc.)
  - I want to work in science, technology, engineering, or math (scientist, researcher, computer programmer, engineer, physicist, etc.)
  - I want to work in public service (teacher, police officer, soldier, firefighter, politician, etc.)
  - I want to work in the arts (musician, actor, artist, writer, etc.)
  - I want to start my own business
  - I want to work in business (lawyer, manager, accountant, sales, etc.)
  - I want to work in sports (professional athlete, coach, etc.)
  - I want to work in another field
  - I don't know what kind of job I want after school
  
2. What is most appealing about this job?
  - I think I'd be good at it
  - I could help people
  - It seems like it would be fun
  - I'd make a lot of money
  - If I do this work, I'll always have a job
  - Other people will think highly of me if I do this job
  - My teacher thinks I'd be good at this job
  - My parents think I'd be good at this job
  - An adult (outside of the family or school system or mentor) thinks I'd be good at this job
  - Other
  
3. Who/What has influenced you in selecting this as your dream career?
  - Peers
  - Mentors
  - Parents
  - Educators
  - A certain class/ teacher
  - An extracurricular activity after school
  - A guest speaker
  - An elective class
  - A volunteer experience
  - Societal influencers (social media, celebrities, magazines, TV shows, etc.)
  - Other family members
  - No one has influenced me to lean towards a certain career field
  
4. Are you changing your career plans based on the status of the economy and jobs in America?

- Yes, I plan to get a job and go to school at the same time
  - Yes, I plan to go to a less-expensive state school or community college
  - Yes, I plan to delay college and get a job to save money for college instead of getting loans and going into debt
  - Yes, I plan to go into a “safer” field where I know I can get a job to be able to pay the bills
  - Yes, I plan to start at a community college for 2 years to save money then transfer to another college or university
  - Yes, I plan on skipping college to go straight into the workforce
  - No, my plans haven’t changed due to the status of the economy and jobs
  - I don’t know yet
5. How do the following immediate career aspects influence your choice of a job (Rank one to six, one being the most important)?
- Financial stability for me and my family
  - Respect of my supervisors
  - Respect of my peers
  - Opportunity to travel or try different roles / positions (e.g., rotation)
  - Professional development and growth (e.g., certifications, continued education)
  - Meaningful experience
6. How does an opportunity to master the following skills influence your choice of a career (Rank one to six, one being the most important)?
- Technology skills
  - Business knowledge
  - Analytical / critical thinking
  - Communications – speaking and presentation skills
  - Communications – writing skills
  - Relationship building and collaboration with others
7. How do the following future aspirations influence your choice of a career (Rank one to six, one being the most important)?
- Trust in company and its leaders
  - Flexibility in work schedule or location
  - Ability to have a meaningful career and have my own family
  - Equity in salary and promotion opportunities
  - Professional advancement to become an industry leader/expert
  - Societal impact
8. Which sector would you consider as you think about applying for your first internship or job (check all that apply)?
- Public / government
  - Corporate / business
  - Non-profit / philanthropy
  - Academic / research
  - Entrepreneurship (e.g., starting your own business)
9. Which of the following do you plan on doing to help expand your experience in this field/ build your resume/ prepare you for college or the required special training for said job:

- An unpaid internship
  - A paid internship (if offered)
  - Get a job in the related field
  - Volunteer for an organization/cause that mirrored portions of your dream career
  - Speak with a mentor who currently works in this field
10. How will you contribute to pay for the school/ training?
- I plan to take out student loans
  - I plan on getting a/several scholarships
  - I will apply for grants
  - I am working to pay for the education/training
  - My parents are paying for it
  - Other family or friends are paying for it
  - There won't be any cost involved
  - I don't know/not sure
11. Does your school offer resources to understand the cost of school/training and the options you have available?
- Yes
  - No
12. A) Have you ever taken a financial readiness/ budgeting class?
- Yes
  - No
13. Do you have a bank account?
- A) If so, tell us how you have interacted with the bank?
- Online only
  - In-person only, at a bank branch
  - Both online and in-person at a bank branch
  - I do not have a bank account.
  - Don't know/Unsure
14. A) Does your school offer a financial or work-readiness course or after-school program to aid in preparing you for the financial obligations to come?
- Yes
  - No
- B) Would you take a work/financial course if it was offered to you?
- Yes
  - No
15. Would you give up on your dream job if it did not pay a lot of money, for one you are less passionate about, but which offered a higher salary?
- No
  - Yes
  - Not Sure