General Notes on Formatting Updates for the years 2010 – 2016

Additions to and Changes in Variable Names:

* 2015 was chosen as the base year since it was the most recent dataset and all variables in the years 2010 – 2014 and the year 2016 were renamed in order to better match up with the naming conventions of 2015.
* In terms of naming conventions, any variables that had open-text-response answers (that were not related to an “Other” multiple-choice or check-all-that-apply response) had “txt” put at the end of their names (the variables associated with the “Other” responses instead had “othtxt” put at the end of their names). Additionally, any variables that dealt with target group data had “t\_” put in front of their names.
* The changes discussed below are those put in place for the purpose of standardization across multiples years and to provide greater clarity on the variety of answer types present within the datasets:
* The variables **dsc**, **happy**, **safe**, **part** and **fair** had “pse\_” put in front of their names (i.e. **dsc** becomes **pse\_dsc**) because they belonged to the group of variables whose skip logic depended on whether or not the variable **pse** had a value of “1” but were not labeled as such in the datasets.
* The variables that were part of Check-all-that-apply questions had “\_c\_” added to their names (i.e. **do\_probe\_fail** becomes **do\_probe\_c\_fail**) in order to differentiate them from variables that were not part of check-all-that apply questions (particularly those variables that were part of yes/no multiple choice questions).
* The variables that were part of scaled questions (i.e. questions that contained the phrase ‘On a scale of 1 to 5’) had “\_s\_” added to their names (i.e. **employ\_quality** becomes **employ\_s\_quality**) in order to differentiate them from variables that were part of multiple choice questions with more than two options.
* The variables with “help” in their name (excluding **help\_txt** and its derivatives **help1\_txt**, **help2\_txt** and **help3\_txt** in the years prior to 2015) had “\_q\_” added to their names (i.e. **help\_classes** becomes **help\_q\_classes**) in order to indicate that they were derived after the survey was completed, from qualitative analysis of the open text response from the help\_txt variable and are not part of a check-all-that-apply question.
* Most of the other variable name changes were purely cosmetic in nature (differences in capitalization, parts of the variable being written out entirely versus being written out in short-hand, different words used to describe the same concept, etc.) and thus can be lumped together without much additional elaboration.
* The exception to the above statement was the changes in the variable names from the 2010 and 2011 datasets. The changes were at a minimum changes in capitalization and at maximum a total overhaul of the variable name to achieve consistency in formatting.
* Examples of the latter include the variables associated with questions concerning the reason why the former student is not currently employed having “nce” in their name in 2012 – 2016 and “Nowork\_reas” in their names in 2010 and 2011. These variable names were obviously changed to include “nce” in their names to match the previous datasets. A good number of the names for the check-all-that-apply variables had to be changed in this way.

Changes in Variable Responses

* Many of the changes in variable responses were simply cosmetic changes in order to achieve a more consistent answer conventions across the six years of datasets.
* The most apparent of these changes is the use of abbreviations for the answers for t variables (i.e. **t\_disability**, **t\_hsexit,** etc. since the actual full length answers were inconsistent across the different years.
* For example, the response “visually impaired” for the variable **t\_disability** could be labeled “visual impairment” one year and then “visual impaired” another year. For consistency, all these labels were abbreviated as “VIS” so that if analysis on that variable was performed over multiple years, no potential data points or even datasets would be left out.
* Another more apparent change was the removal of the “Don’t know”, “Refused to answer” and “Other” responses from all of the multiple-choice and scaled variables. In the datasets, these responses were changed to blanks for two reasons:
* For the purposes of performing data analysis on the datasets, the “Don’t know” and “Refused to answer” responses are no different from if the former student had not been asked the question at all (the reason why the variable is blank generally).
* The presence of a response in the “othtxt” variables is generally indicative that the student answered “Other” for corresponding question so the actual “Other” response is therefore somewhat redundant and can be removed.
* A less noticeable change at least from a dataset perspective was the change in the how the possible responses to the check-all-that-apply variables are coded in 2010 – 2015.
* Previously, a “Yes” answer was coded as a “-1” and a “No” answer was coded as a “0”. This was to differentiate them from any multiple-choice questions that had “Yes” or “No” as their only answer choices.
* Since check-all-that-apply variables were differentiated by having “\_c\_” in their name, the “-1” was redundant and was changed to “1” as the code for a “Yes” answer.
* The least noticeable change was in the scaled questions in the years 2013 – 2016, particularly in how the scale answers for these questions worked.
* Originally during these years, the scale was based on the notion that a “1” represented the most positive response and a “5” represented the least positive response. In the years 2010 – 2012 though, this scale was reversed with a “1” being the least and a “5” being the most. This was deemed the better scale and the scaled questions in 2013 – 2016 were adjusted to match this.
* The years 2010 – 2013 also had their answer skip patterns enforced more rigidly removing responses from variables were there should be no answers based on previous questions
* For example, there should be no responses to certain post-secondary education variables if the former student answered that he or she was not enrolled in post-secondary education.
* Speaking of the years 2010 and 2011, the employment variables **employ\_dur** and **employ\_wage** had to have their answers completely recoded because of a difference in how the question was asked. These variables were both multiple choice questions that dealt with an employment item which had multiple options indicating the degree to which something was present, but in the years 2012 – 2015 they were “Yes”/ “No” questions that asked whether or not the employment item was present for the former student.
* For specific in-depth details, see the answer codes for these variables below in the 2010 – 2011 variable section.
* Additionally for the years 2010 and 2011, the variable **employ\_hrs** had to have its answers completely recoded. This variable were originally numeric in type and was concerned with the exact number of hours per week the former student worked. In the years 2012 – 2015, it was a “Yes”/ “No” question that asked whether or not the former student worked more than a certain number of hours per week.
* For specific in-depth details, see the answer codes for this variable below in the 2010 – 2011 variable section.
* Additionally for the years 2010 and 2011, the variables **resp** and **resp\_who** had to have their answer options changed and resorted in order to better match the format used in 2012 – 2015. The response options in 2010 and 2011 essentially covered the same ground as those from the later years, but they needed to be changed because of the addition of other information that was not asked in 2012 – 2016. The changes involved assigning the 2010 & 2011 responses into the categories covered by the 2012 – 2016 responses.
* For specific in-depth details, see the answer codes for these variables below in the 2010 – 2011 variable section.

2012 – 2016 Formatting Updates

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_ssid |
| Variable Type: | Numeric |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | 10 Digit Number provided by the Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: | Numeric Entry Box |
| Notes: | Unique Identifier for each Kentucky public school student  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | I14\_hist (Name was I14\_sub in 2016 only and I14 in 2012 – 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | A1 = Higher Education (pse = “1”, pse\_dur = “1” and pse\_type in (“1”, “2”))B1 = Competitive Employment (does not fall into “A” and employ = “1”, employ\_wage = “1”, employ\_dur = “1”, and employ\_hrs = “1”)C1 = Other Education (does not fall into “A” or “B1” and pse = “1” and pse\_dur = “1”)C2 = Other Employment (does not fall into “A” , “B1”, or “C1” and employ = “1” and employ\_dur = “1”)  |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and it represents the Indicator 14 categories as they were reported for that year. |

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| Variable Shorthand: | xt\_ed |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | HIGHER = Higher Education (pse = “1”, pse\_dur = “1” and pse\_type in (“1”, “2”))OTHER = Other Education (does not fall into “HIGHER” and pse = “1”)NOT = Not in Education (does not fall into “HIGHER” or “OTHER” and resp = “Y”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and it represents the Cross Tab categories as they were reported for that year. |

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| Variable Shorthand: | xt\_wk |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | COMP = Competitive Employment (employ = “1”, employ\_wage = “1” and employ\_hrs = “1”)OTHER = Other Employment (does not fall into ‘COMP’ and employ = “1”)NOT = Not Employed (does not fall into ‘COMP’ or “OTHER” and resp = “Y”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and it represents the Cross Tab categories as they were reported for that year. |

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| Variable Shorthand: | higher\_ed |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Enrolled in Higher Education (resp = “Y”, pse = “1”, pse\_dur = “1” and pse\_type in (“1”, “2”))0 = Not Enrolled in Higher Education (does not fall into “1”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | comp\_emp |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Competitively Employed (resp = “Y”, employ = “1”, employ\_wage = “1” and employ\_hrs = “1”)0 = Competitively Employed (does not fall into “1”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | non\_engage |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Non-engaged (resp = “Y”, employ = “0” and pse = “0”) 0 = Engaged (does not fall into “1”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_gender |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Type: | Automatically Generated Text |
| Answer Codes: | M = MaleF = Female  |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_ethnicity |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: | AM = Native American (“Native Am” in 2012 only and “American Indian or Alaska Native” in 2016 only)AS = AsianBL = Black (“Black or African American” in 2016 only)HI = Hispanic (“Hispanic/Latino” in 2016 only)MU = Multiple Races (“Multi” in 2012 only and “Two or More Races” in 2016 only)PI = Pacific-Islander (“Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander” in 2016 only)WH = White |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_disability |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: | SLD = Specific Learning DisabilityMMD = Mild Mental Disability FMD = Functional Mental DisabilitySLI = Speech Language ImpairmentEBD = Emotional-Behavioral Disability HI = Hearing Impairment MDIS = Multiple Disabilities VI = Visual ImpairmentORTI = Orthopedic ImpairmentDB = Deaf BlindOHI = Other Health ImpairmentAUT = Autism TBI = Traumatic Brain InjuryUNK = Unknown |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_hsexit |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: | GReg = Graduated with Regular DiplomaGAlt = Graduated with Alternative Diploma (Certificate of Attainment in 2012 – 2013 only)Age = Reached Maximum AgeDrop = Dropped Out  |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_school |
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| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | School where former student was last officially enrolled  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_district |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | District where former student was last officially enrolled  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_coop |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values assigned by data analyst after survey completion |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Regional Special Education Cooperative to which that district belongs |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Would you (or your son or daughter) be willing to give us your thoughts about how things are going for you now?  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice  |
| Answer Codes: | Y = Yes (agreed to be interviewed).N = No (contacted, but declined interview). C = Could not contact.‘ ’ = Survey was not initiated. (Answer codes in 2012 – 2013 Y = Yes (agreed to be interviewed). N = No (contacted, but declined interview).  C = Could not contact. B = Survey was not initiated ) |
| Notes: | Asked for all target group students |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_fsc(Variable was present in 2014 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Why could the former student not be contacted? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Insufficient contact information 2 = Would not answer or return calls3 = Former student in correctional facility or other institution  |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “C” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_who |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | The person interviewed was |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | FS = Former studentPG = Parent/guardianOTH = Other |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_who\_othtxt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the person who was interviewed and their relationship to the former student  |
| Notes: | Should be filled in only if resp\_who = OTH. May be filled in regardless as elaboration for a FS or PG response. |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_why\_txt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If the person interviewed was not the former student, why was it necessary to interview someone else? |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp\_who = “PG” or “OTH”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | residence |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Where did you live for most of the last year? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = At my family home (with parents, relatives, or guardian)2 = By myself3 = With my friends4 = With my wife/husband/significant other5 = With my foster family6 = With others in a group home7 = In a homeless shelter8 = In a jail/correctional facility9 = In a college dormitory or apartment 99 = Other |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | residence\_othtxt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative living arrangement the former student had during the last year. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that residence had a value of “99” (Other). May still be filled in for another value (1- 9) for elaboration purposes.  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_fail(Name was do\_probe\_fail in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I was failing all my classes.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item(1st of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_bully(Name was do\_probe\_bully in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - Bullying/harassment  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_married(Name was do\_probe\_married in 2013 - 2014)(Variable was only present in 2013 - 2014) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? – I got married  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item (2nd of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_baby(Name was do\_probe\_baby in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I had a baby.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item(3rd of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_like(Name was do\_probe\_like in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I did not like school.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item (4th of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_work(Name was do\_probe\_work in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I had to work.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item (5th of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_health(Name was do\_probe\_health in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? -Health Reasons.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item(6th of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_ref(Name was do\_probe\_ref in 2012 – 2015 only)(Variable was not present in 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - Refused to answer.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 7th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_oth(Name was do\_probe\_oth in 2012 - 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - Other.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 8th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item(7th of 7 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_othtxt(Name was do\_probe\_othtxt in 2012 - 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reason for the former student dropping out of high school  |
| Notes: | Filled in only if do\_probe\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_hours(Name was stay\_hrsssched in 2015 only)(Name was stay\_hours in 2012 – 2014 and in 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - More flexible hours and scheduling.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item(1st of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_relevant (Name was stay\_relevant in 2012 - 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Classes that would have helped me in real life.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item (2nd of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_teachers(Name was stay\_teachers in 2012 - 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Teachers/counselors who encouraged me.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item(3rd of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_ref(Name was stay\_ref in 2012 – 2015 only)(Variable was not present in 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Refused. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 5 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_oth(Name was stay\_oth in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Other. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item (4th of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_othtxt(Name was stay\_othtxt in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative items that might have helped the former student stay in high school  |
| Notes: | Filled in only if stay\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | From the time you left high school until now, have you ever had a paying job? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_dur |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Since leaving high school have you worked for a total of 3 months (90 days)? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_hrs |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Did you work an average of 20 or more hours per week (half of a 40-hour week)? |
| Answer Type: | Text |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_wage |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Were you paid at least minimum wage ($7.25 per hour)? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_type(Variable was present only in 2012 – 2013) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Describe the job you have or have had. |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = In a company, business or service with people with or without disabilities2 = In the military3 = Self-employed4 = In my family’s business (e.g. farm, store, fishing, ranching, catering)5 = In sheltered employment (where most workers have disabilities)6 = Employed while in jail or prison99 = Other  |
| Notes: | Asked in only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_type\_othtxt(Variable was present only in 2012 – 2013) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative type of employment the former student has or has had. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that employ\_type had a value of “99” (Other) May still be filled in for another value (1-6) for elaboration purposes  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_health\_care(Variable was present only in 2012) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Are you / were you eligible for health care coverage at this job? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_c\_coach(Name was emp\_coach in 2015 – 2016 only)(Name was emp\_job in 2013 – 2014 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do (or did) you receive any of the following supports/accommodations at this job? – Job coach/employment specialist (someone who offers advice to improve performance). |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked(Answer Codes for 2013: TRUE = Checked FALSE = Not Checked) |
| Notes: | 1st of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item (1st of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2013 )Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_c\_assist(Name was emp\_assist in 2013 - 2015) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do (or did) you receive any of the following supports/accommodations at this job? – Personal aide or assistant (for personal care needs, not specifically work-related).  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked(Answer Codes for 2013: TRUE = Checked FALSE = Not Checked) |
| Notes: | 2nd of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item(2nd of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2013 )Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_c\_wrk(Name was emp\_wrk in 2013 )(Variable was present only in 2013) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do (or did) you receive any of the following supports/accommodations at this job? – Flexible Work Hours |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked(Answer Codes for 2013: TRUE = Checked FALSE = Not Checked) |
| Notes: | 3rd of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2013 Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_c\_equip(Name was emp\_equip in 2013 - 2015) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do (or did) you receive any of the following supports/accommodations at this job? – Special equipment like computer, braille, furniture, etc. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked(Answer Codes for 2013: TRUE = Checked FALSE = Not Checked) |
| Notes: | 3rd of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item(4th of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2013) Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_c\_oth(Name was emp\_oth in 2013 - 2015) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do (or did) you receive any of the following supports/accommodations at this job? – Other. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked(Answer Codes for 2013: TRUE = Checked FALSE = Not Checked) |
| Notes: | 4th of 4 possible responses to check all that apply item(5th of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2013) Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_c\_othtxt(Name was emp\_othtxt in 2013 - 2015)(Variable was excluded from 2013 dataset for unknown reasons) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative supports/accommodations that the former student received at his or her job.  |
| Notes: | Filled in only if employ\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_curr |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Are you still working? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_s\_quality(Name was employ\_like in 2012 and 2014 – 2016 )(Name was employ\_int in 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | On a 5-point scale from “Not interesting at all” to “Very Interesting”, how interesting do/did you think your job is/was?(Text for 2012 only: On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Hate my job” and 5 being “Love my job” how much did you / do you like your job?)  |
| Answer Type: | Scale |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Not interesting at all 2 = Not very interesting 3 = Medium - neither interesting nor boring4 = Somewhat interesting5 = Very interesting(Scale was reversed in 2013 – 2016 i.e. 1 = Very interesting and 5 = Not interesting at all) (Scale for 2012 only: 1 = Hate my job 2 = Dislike my job 3 = Somewhat like my job 4 = Like my job 5 = Love my job)  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_whynotmore(Variable was present only in 2012 - 2014) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you would like to work more hours, why aren’t you? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = My health won’t allow it.2 = My boss won’t give me more hours.3 = It would affect my SSI benefits.4 = Scheduling issues.5 = Child care6 = Transportation7 = Parent work schedule8 = Personal support needs9 = I don’t want to work more hours99 = Other  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” and employ\_hrs = 0 |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_whynotmore\_othtxt(Name was employ\_whynotmore\_oth in 2013 only)(Variable was present only in 2013 – 2014) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reason why the former student isn’t working more hours each week. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that employ\_whynotmore had a value of 99 (Other) May still be filled in for another value (1- 9) for elaboration purposes  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_pse(Name was nce\_pse in 2012 – 2016)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Going to school |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item (1st of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_lost(Name was nce\_lost in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Dismissed from job. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item (2nd of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_int(Name was nce\_int in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Cannot find a job that fits my interest. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item (3rd of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_find(Name was nce\_find in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Looking for a job. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(4th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_ass(Name was nce\_ass in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Need assistance finding a job. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item (5th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_skill(Name was nce\_skill in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Lack of required skills. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(6th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_trans(Name was nce\_trans in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Transportation problems. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 7th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(7th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_ben(Name was nce\_ben in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Don’t want to lose my benefits (e.g. SSI). |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 8th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(8th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_health(Name was nce\_health in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - My health will not allow me to work. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 9th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(9th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_desire(Name was nce\_desire in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Don’t want to work. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 10th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(10th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_childcare(Name was nce\_childcare in 2013 – 2016)(Variable was not present in 2012) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Child care. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 11th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_oth(Name was nce\_oth in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Other. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 12th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply item(11th of 11 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2012)Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_othtxt(Name was nce\_othtxt in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reasons why the former student is not working now |
| Notes: | Filled in only if nce\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_arrange\_txt(Name was nce\_arrange in 2013 only and arrange in 2012 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What arrangements would have made it possible for you to work? |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “0” OR employ\_curr = 0 |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_doing(Variable present in 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are currently not working what are you doing |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Going to school2 = Full-time Homemaker3 = Unpaid Farm Work4 = Adult Day Program5 = Looking for work99 = Other |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “0” or if employ\_curr = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_doing\_othtxt(Variable present in 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative activity that the student is doing since he or she is not working now. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that nce\_doing had a value of “99” (Other). May still be filled in for another value (1-5) for elaboration purposes.  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | From the time you left high school until now, have you been in any type of school or training program? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_type |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Please describe the kind of school or training program. |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = College /University (4-year college)2 = Community/Technical College (2-year college)3 = Vocational/Technical School4 = High School completion document or certificate (Adult Basic education, GED)5 = Short-term education or employment training program (e.g. Job Corps)99 = Other  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_type\_othtxt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative type of post-secondary education that the student is/was enrolled in |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that pse\_type had a value of “99” (Other) May still be filled in for another value (1-5) for elaboration purposes  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_dur |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Did you complete an entire term/semester? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_degree |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What kind of degree do you expect to get when you are finished with school?  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Bachelor’s Degree2 –Associates’ Degree3 = Certificate4 = Audit only 5 = Not seeking a degree/certificate99 = Other  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_degree\_othtxt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative type of degree the student expects to get once he or she is finished with school. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that pse\_type had a value of “99” (Other) May still be filled in for another value (1-5) for elaboration purposes  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_s\_happy(Name was happy in 2012 – 2013 only)(Variable was present in 2012 – 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | On a 5-point scale from “Disagree a Lot” to “Agree a Lot”, how much do you agree or disagree with the following opinion about your school – I’m happy to be at this school?  |
| Answer Type: | Scale |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Disagree a lot2 = Disagree a Little3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree4 = Agree a Little5 = Agree a Lot  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_s\_safe(Name was safe in 2012 – 2013 only)(Variable was present in 2012 – 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | On a 5-point scale from “Disagree a Lot” to “Agree a Lot”, how much do you agree or disagree with the following opinion about your school – I feel safe at this school?  |
| Answer Type: | Scale |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Disagree a lot2 = Disagree a Little3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree4 = Agree a Little5 = Agree a Lot  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_s\_fair(Name was fair in 2012 – 2013)(Variable was present in 2012 – 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | On a 5-point scale from “Disagree a Lot” to “Agree a Lot”, how much do you agree or disagree with the following opinion about your school – The teachers in my school treat me fairly?  |
| Answer Type: | Scale |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Disagree a lot2 = Disagree a Little3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree4 = Agree a Little5 = Agree a Lot  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_s\_part(Name was part in 2012 – 2013)(Variable was present in 2012 – 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | On a 5-point scale from “Disagree a Lot” to “Agree a Lot”, how much do you agree or disagree with the following opinion about your school – I feel like I’m part of this school?  |
| Answer Type: | Scale |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Disagree a lot2 = Disagree a Little3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree4 = Agree a Little5 = Agree a Lot  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_dsc(Named dsc in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Have you ever contacted the Disability Service Coordinator at your post-secondary school or training program? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No. |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_live |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do you live with your family while you go to school?(Text in 2012 – 2014: Where do you live when your school or training program is in session?) |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No.(Answer Codes in 2012 – 2014 only: 1 = On campus by myself 2 = On campus with roommates/friends 3 = Off campus by myself 4 = Off campus with roommates/friends 5 = Off campus with parents 99 = Other) |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_live\_othtxt(Variable present in 2012 – 2014 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative living arrangement the former student has when his or her school or training program is in session. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that pse\_live had a value of 99 (Other) May still be filled in for another value (1-5) for elaboration purposes  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_barrier\_txt(Named barrier in 2012 only and pse\_barrier in 2013 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you faced any problems in your post-secondary school/training program, please let us know what they were. |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse(Variable present in 2012 – 2014 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Did not get accepted2 = Couldn’t find supports I needed (e.g. housing, transportation3 = Too expensive.4 = Didn’t want to5 = Found a job6 = Taking care of family99 = Other |
| Notes: | Filled only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_othtxt(Variable present in 2012 – 2014 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reason the former student didn’t go on to post-secondary education. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that no\_pse had a value of “99” (Other) (May still be filled in for another value (1-6) for elaboration purposes)  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_accept(Name was no\_pse\_accept in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Did not get accepted.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(1st of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_supp(Name was no\_pse\_supp in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Couldn’t find supports I needed (e.g. housing, transportation).  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(2nd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_expense(Name was no\_pse\_expense in 2015 – 2016 only)(Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Too expensive.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(3rd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_want(Name was no\_pse\_want in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Didn’t want to.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(4th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_job(Name was no\_pse\_job in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? -Found a job.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(5th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_fam(Name was no\_pse\_fam in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? -Taking care of family.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(6th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_dk(Name was no\_pse\_dk in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Don’t know.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 7th of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(7th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_ref(Name was no\_pse\_ref in 2015 only)(Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Refused.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 8th of 9 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_oth(Name was no\_pse\_oth in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Other.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 9th of 9 possible responses to check all that apply item(8th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item in 2016 only)Asked only if pse = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_othtxt(Name was no\_pse\_othtxt in 2015 – 2016 only) (Variable was present in 2015 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reason the former student didn’t go on to post-secondary education. |
| Notes: | Filled in only if no\_pse\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | mostdays\_txt(Variable was present in 2014 – 2016 only)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What do you do on most days? |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “0” AND pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | drive |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do you have a driver’s license? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No. |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | vote |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Are you registered to vote? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No. |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | leisure(Variable present in 2012 – 2014 only)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | In the past month, have you participated in a leisure activity outside the home with friends (such as going to a movie, concert, sporting event, or something you enjoy doing during your free time)? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No. |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_txt (Broken into the separate variables help1, help2, and help3 in 2012 – 2014 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Please name the most important thing during high school that helped you in your life now (e.g. high school programs, classes, agencies, etc.)(Question asked for the three most important things in 2012 – 2014 only ) |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Answer |
| Answer Codes: | Open response answer |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_answer(Name was helpq\_answer in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Indicates whether or not help\_txt was Asked  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” and help\_txt is not blankThis variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_classes(Name was help\_classes in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that classes at the former student’s school were the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 1st of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_clubs\_orgs(Name was help\_clubs\_orgs in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the former student’s participation in non-sports clubs (both school and extra-curricular) were the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative  |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 2nd of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_family(Name was help\_family in 2015 only) (Variable was only present in 2015) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the former student’s family were the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative  |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 3rd of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_friends\_socskills(Name was help\_friends\_socskills in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the former student’s friends were the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative  |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 4th of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_lifeskills(Name was help\_lifeskills in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the former student learning different life-skills (getting transportation, handling money, etc.) was the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 5th of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_schoolstaff(Name was help\_schoolstaff in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the staff (i.e. teachers, administrators and other non-special-education personnel) at the former students school were the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative  |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 6th of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_specialed\_iep\_resourcerm(Name was help\_specialed\_iep\_resourcerm in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that special education programs at the former student’s school were the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative  |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 7th of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_sports(Name was help\_sports in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the former student participating in sports (both school and extra-curricular) was the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 8th of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | help\_q\_work(Name was help\_work in 2015 only) (Variable was present in 2015 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | help\_txt response mentions that the former student’s job was the most important thing during high school that helped him or her in their current life |
| Answer Type: | Researcher Coded, Qualitative  |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Applies0 = Does not apply |
| Notes: | 9th of 9 possible responses to categorical item (multiple categories can apply to one response)Filled in only if help\_q\_answer = 1This variable was coded from qualitative data analysis done on the open text responses from the variable help\_txt  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | agency |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Do you currently work with someone from an employment agency such as OVR, on things like finding a job, helping you with transportation to work or college, driver’s training, or paying for classes or books? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No.  |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | agency\_who\_txt(Variable was present in 2014 – 2016 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Please describe the help you are getting.  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response  |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if agency = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_tc(Name was sharedresp\_tc in 2013 – 2016 and sharedresp\_TC in 2012 only)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | I am going to read some services that young people with disabilities use. Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving more information about these services - Transition Consultant  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked if resp = “Y”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_vr(Name was sharedresp\_vr in 2013 – 2016 and sharedresp\_VR in 2012 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | I am going to read some services that young people with disabilities use. Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving more information about these services - Vocational Rehabilitation.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_mm(Name was sharedresp\_mm in 2013 – 2016 and sharedresp\_MM in 2012 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | I am going to read some services that young people with disabilities use. Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving more information about these services - Medicare/Medicaid  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_mpw(Name was sharedresp\_mpw in 2013 – 2016 and sharedresp\_MPW in 2012 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | I am going to read some services that young people with disabilities use. Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving more information about these services - Michelle P. Waiver |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked if resp = “Y”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_se(Name was sharedresp\_se in 2013 – 2016 and sharedresp\_SE in 2012 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | I am going to read some services that young people with disabilities use. Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving more information about these services - Supported Employment  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked if resp = “Y”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_oth(Name was sharedresp\_oth in 2013 – 2016 and sharedresp\_OTH in 2012 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | I am going to read some services that young people with disabilities use. Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving more information about these services - Other  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | sharedresp\_c\_othtxt(Name was sharedresp\_othtxt in 2012 – 2016) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Text |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative agency or group that the former student wants to know more information about.  |
| Notes: | Filled in only if sharedresp\_c\_oth = 1 |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_notes\_txt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Is there anything else you would like to add about how things have been going for you since you left school?  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | int\_notes\_txt |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you as the interviewer have any additional notes or thoughts that you gathered during the interview regarding the former student’s transition from high school to adult life, please add them here.  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Open response answer |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_ssid(Name was ssid in 2010 and SSID in 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Numeric |
| Full Question Text: | Please enter the Student Identification Number from KISTS "Student Contact Information After High School" Sheet. |
| Answer Type: | 10 Digit Number provided by the Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: | Numeric Entry Box |
| Notes: | Unique Identifier for each Kentucky public school student  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | I14\_hist (Name was I14 in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | A1 = Higher Education (pse = “1” and pse\_type in (“1”, “2”))B1 = Competitive Employment (does not fall into “A” and employ = “1”, employ\_wage = “1”, employ\_dur = “1”, and employ\_hrs = “1”)C1 = Other Education (does not fall into “A” or “B1” and pse = “1”)C2 = Other Employment (does not fall into “A” , “B1”, or “C1” and employ = “1” and employ\_dur = “1”)  |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | xt\_ed(Name was Ed in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | HIGHER = Higher Education (pse = “1” and pse\_type in (“1”, “2”))OTHER = Other Education (does not fall into “HIGHER” and pse = “1”)NOT = Not in Education (does not fall into “HIGHER” or “OTHER” and resp = “Y”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | xt\_wk(Name was Employment in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | COMP = Competitive Employment (employ = “1”, employ\_wage = “1” and employ\_hrs = “1”)OTHER = Other Employment (does not fall into ‘COMP’ and employ = “1”)NOT = Not Employed (does not fall into ‘COMP’ or “OTHER” and resp = “Y”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | higher\_ed |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Enrolled in Higher Education (resp = “Y”, pse = “1”, pse\_dur = “1” and pse\_type in (“1”, “2”))0 = Not Enrolled in Higher Education (does not fall into “1”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | comp\_emp |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Competitively Employed (resp = “Y”, employ = “1”, employ\_wage = “1” and employ\_hrs = “1”)0 = Competitively Employed (does not fall into “1”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | non\_engage |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Option |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Non-engaged (resp = “Y”, employ = “0” and pse = “0”) 0 = Engaged (does not fall into “1”) |
| Notes: | This variable was calculated from other variables (noted above in Answer Codes) and is thus not present in the historical datasets |

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_gender(Name was gender in 2010 and Gender in 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What is the gender of the former student? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | M = Male F = Female (Original codes in 2010-2011: 1 = Male 2 = Female ) |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_ethnicity (Name was ethnicity in 2010 and Ethnicity in 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What is the former student’s race/ethnicity? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | WH = White BL = BlackHI = Hispanic/LatinoAS = AsianMU = Bi or multi-racial(Original codes in 2010-2011: 1 = White  2 = Black  3 = Hispanic/Latino 4 = Asian 5 = Bi or multi-racial) |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_disability(Name was disability in 2010 and Disability in 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What is the former student’s primary disability classification during their last year of high school? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | SLD = Specific Learning DisabilityMMD = Mild Mental Disability FMD = Functional Mental DisabilitySLI = Speech Language ImpairmentEBD = Emotional-Behavioral Disability HI = Hearing ImpairedMDIS = Multiple Disabilities VI = Visual ImpairedORTI = Orthopedically ImpairedDB = Deaf BlindOHI = Other Health ImpairmentAUT = Autism TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury(Original codes in 2010-2011: 1 = Specific Learning Disability 2 = Mild Mental Disability  3 = Functional Mental Disability 4 = Speech Language Impairment 5 = Emotional-Behavioral Disability  6 = Hearing Impaired  7 = Multiple Disabilities  8 = Visual Impaired 9 = Orthopedically Impaired 10 = Deaf Blind 11 = Other Health Impairment 12 = Autism  13 = Traumatic Brain Injury) |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_hsexit(Name was Exit\_School in 2010 – 2011)) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | How did former student leave high school? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | GReg = DiplomaGAlt = Certificate of AttainmentAge = Aged OutDrop = Dropped Out(Original codes in 2010-2011: 1 = Diploma 2 = Certificate of Attainment 3 = Aged Out 4 = Dropped Out) |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_school(Name was school in 2010 and School in 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Please type in the name of your school. |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Text entry box |
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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_district(Name was district in 2010 and District in 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | District where former student was last officially enrolled  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | t\_coop(Name was coop in 2010 and Coop in 2011)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Values provided by Kentucky Department of Education |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Regional Special Education Cooperative to which that district belongs |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp(Name was Resp in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Would you (or your son or daughter) be willing to give us your thoughts about how things are going for you now?  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | Y = Yes (agreed to be interviewed).N = No (contacted, but declined interview). C = Could not contact.(Original code in 2011: Responses (Yes, No & Could Not Contact) written out)(Original code in 2010: Responses of YES\_STUDENT & YES\_PARENT were coded as Yes reponses as above. Responses of NO\_STUDENT & NO\_PARENT were coded as NO responses as above.) |
| Notes: | Asked for all target group students |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_who(Name was Resp\_who in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Respondent was |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | FS = Former studentPG/OTH = Parent/Guardian/Other(Original code for 2010:Answer choices didn’t match up well with the previous year’s answers so the response were recoded as follows: FS when resp = “Y”ES\_STUDENT or resp = NO\_STUDENT  PG/OTH when resp = “Y”ES\_PARENT or resp = NO\_PARENT) |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_why\_txt(Name was Resp\_Proxy in 2011)(Variable was present in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If the person interviewed was not the former student, why was it necessary to interview someone else? |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp\_who = “PG/OTH”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | residence(Name was Residence in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Where do you currently live? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = At my family home (with parents, relatives, or guardian)2 = By myself3 = With my friends4 = With my wife/husband/significant other5 = With my foster family6 = With others in a group home7 = In a homeless shelter8 = In a correctional facility9 = In a college dormitory or apartment99 = Other  |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | residence\_othtxt(Name was Residence\_Other in 2010 – 2011)) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative living arrangement the former student had during the last year. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that residence had a value of “99” (Other) May be filled in for some other value (1-9) for elaboration purposes |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_fail(Name was Doprobe\_Failed in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I was failing all my classes.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 8 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_married(Name was Doprobe\_Married in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? – I got married  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_baby(Name was Doprobe\_Baby in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I had a baby.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 8 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_like(Name was Doprobe\_Notlike in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I did not like school.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_work(Name was Doprobe\_Work in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - I had to work.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_health(Name was Doprobe\_Health in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? -Health Reasons.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_ref(Name was Doprobe\_Refused in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - Refused to answer.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 7th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_oth(Name was Doprobe\_Other in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What are the reasons why you left high school without graduating? - Other.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 8th of 8 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | do\_probe\_c\_othtxt(Name was Doprobe\_Other\_Txt in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reason for the former student dropping out of high school  |
| Notes: | Filled in only if do\_probe\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_hours (Name was HelpStay\_flexhour in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - More flexible hours  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 5 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_relevant (Name was HelpStay\_relevence in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? – More relevant classes/courses (e.g. classes that would have helped me in real life).  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_teachers(Name was HelpStay\_teachers in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Teachers/counselors who encouraged me.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_ref(Name was HelpStay\_refused in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Refused. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 5 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_oth(Name was HelpStay\_other in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | What might have helped you stay in school? - Other. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 5 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if resp = “Y” & t\_hsexit = “Drop” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | stay\_c\_othtxt(Name was HelpStay\_Other\_Txt in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative items that might have helped the former student stay in high school  |
| Notes: | Filled in only if stay\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ(Name was Work\_Pay in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Are you working for pay at this time? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_dur(Name was Work\_Dur in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Since leaving high school have you worked for a total of 3 months (90 days)? (Original question for 2010 – 2011: How long have you had this job?) |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No(Original answer codes for 2010 – 2011) : 1 = Less than one week 2 = More than a week, but less than a month 3 = More than a month but less than three months 4 = More than three months but less than six months 5 = More than six monthsAnswers of 1-3 were coded to 0 and answers of 4-5 were coded to 1 to match 2012 – 2016 formatting)  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_hrs(Name was Work\_Hrs in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character (Numeric in 2010 – 2011) |
| Full Question Text: | Do you work 20 or more hours per week? (Original question for 2010 – 2011: How many hours per week do you work?) |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No(Original answer codes for 2010 – 2011: Numeric Entry Box Answers that were less than 20 were coded to 0 and answers that were equal to or greater than 20 were coded to 1 to match 2012 – 2016 formatting)  |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_wage(Name was Work\_Wage in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Were you paid at least minimum wage ($7.25 per hour)?(Original question text for 2010 – 2011: What is your typical hourly wage?) |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No(Original answer codes for 2010 – 2011: 1 = Less than the minimum wage ($7.25/hour) 2 = Minimum wage ($7.25/hour) 3 = Between $7.25/hour - $10.00/hour 4 = Between $10.00/hour - $15.00/hour 5 = Between $15.00/hour - $20.00/hour  6 = More than $20.00/hourAnswers of 1 were coded to 0 and answers of 2-6 were coded to 1 to match 2012 – 2016 formatting) |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | employ\_s\_quality(Name was Work\_Satis in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | On a 5-point scale from “I hate my job” to “I love my job”, how much do you like your job?  |
| Answer Type: | Scale |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = I hate my job 2 = I dislike my job 3 = I somewhat like my job4 = I like my job 5 = I love my job |
| Notes: | Asked only if employ = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_pse(Name was Nowork\_reas\_enroll in 2010 – 2011)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? – Enrolled in postsecondary education |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 10 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_int(Name was Nowork\_reas\_interest in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Cannot find a job that fits my interest. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 10 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_find(Name was Nowork\_reas\_find in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? – Cannot find a job. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 10 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_ass(Name was Nowork\_reas\_noass in 2010 – 2011) |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Need assistance finding a job, but none is available  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 10 possible responses to check all that apply item Asked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_skill(Name was Nowork\_reas\_skill in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Lack of required skills. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 10 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_trans(Name was Nowork\_reas\_trans in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Transportation problems. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 12 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_ben(Name was Nowork\_reas\_ben in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Don’t want to lose my benefits (e.g. SSI). |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 7th of 10 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_health(Name was Nowork\_reas\_health in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - My health will not allow me to work. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 8th of 10 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_desire(Name was Nowork\_reas\_desire in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Don’t want to work. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 9th of 10 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_oth(Name was Nowork\_reas\_other in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you are not working now, what are the reasons? - Other. |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 10th of 10 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if employ = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | nce\_c\_othtxt(Name was Nowork\_reas\_Other\_Txt in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reasons why the former student is not working now |
| Notes: | Filled in only if nce\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse(Name was Pse in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Are you in any type of school or training program now?  |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes0 = No |
| Notes: | Asked only if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_type(Name was Pse\_type in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Please describe the kind of school or training program. |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = College /University (4-year college)2 = Community/Technical College (2-year college)3 = Vocational/Technical School4 = High School completion document or certificate (Adult Basic education, GED)5 = Short-term education or employment training program (e.g. Job Corps) 99 = Other |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_type\_othtxt(Name was Pse\_type\_Other in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response  |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative type of post-secondary education that the student is/was enrolled in |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that pse\_type had a value of “99” (Other) May be filled in for other values (1-5) in order to provide elaboration  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_dsc(Named Pse\_dsc in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Have you ever contacted the Disability Service Coordinator at your post-secondary school or training program? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Yes.0 = No. |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_live(Name was Pse\_live in 2011 only ) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Where do you live when your school or training program is in session? |
| Answer Type: | Multiple Choice  |
| Answer Codes: |  1 = On campus by myself 2 = On campus with roommates/friends 3 = Off campus by myself 4 = Off campus with roommates/friends 5 = Off campus with parents 99 = Other |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_live\_othtxt(Name was Pse\_live\_Other\_Txt in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative living arrangement the former student has when his or her school or training program is in session. |
| Notes: | This variable being filled in should indicate that pse\_type had a value of “99” (Other) May be filled in for other values (1-5) in order to provide elaboration.  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | pse\_barrier\_txt(Named Pse\_barrier in 2011 only) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Are there any difficulties you currently face in your post-secondary education/training program? |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked only if pse = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_accept(Name was Nopse\_reas\_acc in 2010 – 2011)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Did not get accepted.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 1st of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_supp(Name was Nopse\_reas\_supp in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Couldn’t find supports I needed (e.g. housing, transportation).  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 2nd of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_expense(Name was Nopse\_reas\_cost in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Too expensive.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 3rd of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_job(Name was Nopse\_reas\_job in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? –Got a good job.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 4th of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_ref(Name was Nopse\_reas\_refused in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Refused.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 5th of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_oth(Name was Nopse\_reas\_other in 2010 – 2011)  |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you did not go on to post-secondary education, what is the reason? - Other.  |
| Answer Type: | Check All That Apply |
| Answer Codes: | 1 = Checked0 = Not checked |
| Notes: | 6th of 6 possible responses to check all that apply itemAsked only if pse = “0”  |

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| Variable Shorthand: | no\_pse\_c\_othtxt(Name was Nopse\_reas\_Other\_Txt in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: |  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response  |
| Answer Codes: | Response that clarifies the alternative reason the former student didn’t go on to post-secondary education. |
| Notes: | Filled in only if no\_pse\_c\_oth = “1” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | resp\_notes\_txt(Name was Resp\_comments in 2010 – 2011)) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | Is there anything else you would like to add about how things have been going for you since you left school?  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: |  |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |

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| Variable Shorthand: | int\_notes\_txt(Name was Int\_notes in 2010 – 2011) |
| Variable Type: | Character |
| Full Question Text: | If you as the interviewer have any additional notes or thoughts that you gathered during the interview regarding the former student’s transition from high school to adult life, please add them here.  |
| Answer Type: | Open Text Response |
| Answer Codes: | Open response answer |
| Notes: | Asked if resp = “Y” |