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In a few days, you will receive a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau asking for your help with the **2023 National Survey of College Graduates** (NSCG). This survey collects information about how people use their education over time and as economic conditions change. Since the 1970s, the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted this ongoing study on behalf of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

If you do not receive additional information from us within two weeks or have any questions about the survey, please contact the Census Bureau between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern Time on our toll-free number at 1-888-262-5935 or send an email to nscg@census.gov.

National results from this survey, as well as more information about the NSCG, are available at NSF's website: <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygrads>.

Your participation helps form education-related policy decisions and ensures the validity of the results of this valuable national survey. We greatly appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

NATIONAL SURVEY OF COLLEGE GRADUATES (NSCG)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the National Survey of College Graduates?

Since the 1970s, the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) has been the most important source of information on the education and career paths of the nation's college-educated population. It is conducted by the National Science Foundation (NSF), an independent agency of the U.S. government that supports research and education. The U.S. Census Bureau serves as the data collection contractor for the NSCG on behalf of NSF.

How is the information used?

The information you provide will be used to...

- Deliver important information about the education and career paths of college graduates,
- Study the relationship between education and career opportunities in the United States,
- Assist people in making education and career choices,
- Inform decisions about how to best use limited resources in the areas of research, education, and job training

For other uses and more information, visit <http://www.census.gov/nscg>.

Who should participate?

We collect data on the entire college graduate population, including people with international degrees, non-STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) degrees, and people who are or were retired. You were randomly selected to participate, and you represent hundreds of other college-educated people in the United States. We cannot replace you with another person because it would harm the quality of the data we collect. Your response is voluntary, and there is no penalty for not answering individual questions. The success of this survey depends on your response.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Yes, your personal information and responses to the survey are confidential. The information collected in this questionnaire is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Act of 1950, as amended. The Census Bureau is collecting this information under the authority of Title 13, Section 8 of the United States Code (U.S.C). The Census Bureau is required by law to keep your information confidential and can use your responses for statistical purposes only. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, U.S.C, Section 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

How long will this survey take?

Although individual times may vary, the average time to complete the online survey is 20 minutes. The average time to complete the paper questionnaire is 30 minutes. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Clearance Officer, Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Additional information about this survey

Under 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.5(b), an agency cannot conduct, sponsor, or require a response to a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number. The OMB approval number for this survey is 3145-0141 and the expiration date is 04/30/2025.