

When you completed our first survey in the spring semester of 2005, you had recently completed, or were about ready to graduate with your bachelor's degree in sociology. Did you successfully receive your degree?

Yes

O No



We'd like to get a sense of what you have been doing since receiving your bachelor's degree in sociology. As of the week of December 4, 2006, were you employed, at school, both, or doing something else? Please select all that apply:

Please include self-employment and any job from which you were temporarily absent, for example, for illness, vacation, or parental leave (even if the leave was unpaid). If the job you held during the week of December 4, 2006 was a temporary job, answer for the longest job you held since graduating with your bachelor's degree.

Working	at a	job	or	unpaid	internship
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- Enrolled for classes at a college or university
- Other, please describe



What were your reasons for <u>not working</u> during the week of December 4, 2006? (Select yes or no for each.)

	Yes	No
On layoff from a job		
Student (taking courses)		
Family responsibilities		
Chronic illness or permanent disability		
Suitable job not available		
Did not need to work		
Did not want to work		
Other, please specify	\bigcirc	\bigcirc



In what month and year did you last work for pay (or profit) or in a paid internship position? If you cannot remember the exact dates, please select approximate dates as best as you can remember.

Last Worked:	Month	Year

Have not worked for pay (or profit) or in an unpaid internship position



Employment Activities

Was the job you held the week of December 4, 2006 an internship

- Yes
- O No

How many hours did you usually work during a typical week on the job you held the week of December 4, 2006?



Employment Activities

What were your reasons for working less than 35 hours during a typical week on the job during the week of December 4, 2006?

	Yes	No
Student (Taking classes)		
Family responsibilities		
Chronic illness or permanent disability		
Suitable full-time work week job not available		
Did not need to work full-time		
Did not want to work full-time		
Retired or semi-retired		
Other, please specify		



Employment Activities				
Is the job you held during the week of December 4, 2006 the same one you had prior to graduating with your sociology bachelor's degree?				
○ Yes				
○ No				
Did not have a job prior to graduating				
Is the job you held during the week of December 4, 2006 the <u>only</u> job you have had since you graduated with your bachelor's degree in sociology?				
Yes				
○ No				
Continue				



Employment Activities

Including all the jobs (and paid or unpaid internships) you have had since receiving your	
bachelor's degree in sociology, about how many of them were full-time jobs and part-time job	s?

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Number of full-time jobs since receiving your bachelor's in sociology
Number of part-time jobs since receiving your bachelor's in sociology
What company, organization, or agency employed you during the week of December 4, 2006? If you had more than one job: record the employer for whom you worked the most hours that week.
Employer or organization name:
Department or division:
City or town:
State or foreign country:
Prefer not to answer
Continue



Employment Activities

Which of the following categories best reflects that employer's main business or industry during the week of December 4, 2006? (Please select only one response. If your employer had more than one type of business, please answer for the type of business primarily performed at the location where you worked.)

	Biotechnology				
	 Construction or mining 				
	Education				
	Finance, insurance, or real estate services				
	Health services				
	 Information technology or computer services 				
	Other services (e.g., social, legal, business)				
	 Manufacturing 				
	 Public administration/government 				
	Research, please specify:				
	 Transportation services, utilities, or communications 				
	 Wholesale or retail trade, including food services (restaurants, bars, night clubs, etc.) 				
	Other, please specify:				
Was your employer an educational institution?					
	○ Yes				
	○ No				



Employment Activities

Was this educational institution
A preschool, elementary, or middle school or system
A secondary school or system
A 2-year college, junior college, or technical institute
 A 4-year college or university, other than a medical school
A medical school (including university affiliated hospital or medical center)
A university-affiliated research institute
Other, please specify:
employer was a school: select the type of school. For example, select "state government" for state schools or "local government" for schools run by the local school district. Most private schools are "private not-for-profit".
A private for-profit company, business or individual, paying you wages, salary or commissions.
A private not-for-profit, tax-exempt, or charitable organization
Self-employment in own not incorporated business, professional practice, or farm
 Self-employment in own incorporated business, professionals practice, or farm
Local Government (e.g., city, county)
State Government
 U.S. Military Service, active duty, or Commissioned Corps (e.g., USPHS, NOAA)
 U.S. Government as a Civilian Employee
Other, please specify:



Employment Activities

Using the job categories listed below, choose the code that best describes the work you were doing during the week of December 4, 2006

This list is sorted alphabetically. Please read the entire list before making your selection. Artists, broadcasters, editors, entertainers, public relations specialists, writers Clerical/administrative support Computer occupations Consultants Counselors (educational and vocational) Health occupations (including technicians, aides) Historians Librarians, archivists, curators Management-related occupations Natural scientists such as biological or life scientists. (e.g., biologists, biochemists, biophysicists), mathematical scientists, or physical scientists, including related technicians and aides Psychologists, including clinical Religious workers Research associates, analysts, or assistants Sales and marketing Service occupations (except health), such as cooks, waitresses, police, and guards Social workers Sociologists Other social scientists Teachers Other occupations not listed above, please specify:



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you are doing in clerical or administrative support during the week of December 4, 2006?

- Accounting clerks, bookkeepers
- Secretaries, receptionists, typists, word processing
- Office assistant
- Office manager
- Billing
- Other administrative (e.g., record clerks, telephone operators)



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you are doing in computer operations during the week of December 4, 2006?

- Computer programmers (e.g., business, scientific, process control)
- Computer system analysts
- Computer scientists, except system analysts
- Information systems scientists or analysts
- Network administration
- Web design
- Other computer/information science occupations



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you are doing in the health occupations during the week of December 4, 2006?

- Registered nurses, pharmacists, dieticians, therapists, physician assistants
- Health technologists and technicians (e.g., dental hygienists, health record technologist/technicians, licensed practical nurses, medical or laboratory technicians, radiologist technologists/technicians)
- Other health occupations



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you are doing in the management-related occupations during the week of December 4, 2006?

- Accountants, auditors, and other financial specialists
- Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists
- Shift manager or supervisor
- Other management-related occupations



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you are doing in sales or marketing during the week of December 4, 2006?

- Insurance, securities, real estate, and business services
- Sales occupations commodities except retail (e.g., industrial machinery/equipment/supplies, medical and dental equipment/supplies)
- Sales occupations retail (e.g., furnishings, clothing, motor vehicles, cosmetics)
- Customer service representative
- Telemarketing operator
- Other marketing and sales occupations



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you are doing in the service occupations during the week of December 4, 2006?

- Food preparation and service (e.g., cooks, waitresses, bartenders)
- Protective services (e.g., fire fighters, police, guards)
- Other service occupations, except health



Employment Activities

Are you doing any of the following research tasks as a routine part of your occupation during the week of December 4, 2006? Select all that apply:

- Survey research design
- Research project management
- Online, telephone, or face-to-face interviewing, including focus groups
- Data management
- Quantitative data analysis
- Qualitative data analysis
- Report writing



Employment Activities

Which of the following might best describe the work you did during the week of December 4, 2006 in other social sciences?

- Anthropologists
- Criminologists, criminal justice occupations
- Economists
- Historians, science and technology
- Historians, except science and technology
- Political scientists
- Other social scientist, please specify:



Employment Activities

- Pre-Kindergarten and kindergarten
- Elementary
- Secondary computer, math, or sciences
- Secondary social sciences
- Secondary other subjects
- Special education primary and secondary
- Other pre-collegiate area
- Postsecondary in college or university



Employment Activities

Please give us more detail or description as to the kind of work were you doing during the week of December 4, 2006. Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization.



Employment Activities

Did your duties on your current (or last) job require a bachelor's degree or higher in sociology?

Yes

O No



Employment Activities

Did your duties on your job during the week of December 4, 2006 require the technical expertise of a bachelor's degree or higher in the following fields of study? (Please select Yes or No for each.)

Criminology, criminal justice, justice studies, policing, forensics		
		\bigcirc
Anthropology	\bigcirc	
Social Work, Human Services	\bigcirc	
Psychology	\bigcirc	
Business	\bigcirc	
Communications, media	\bigcirc	
Economics	\bigcirc	
Education	\bigcirc	
Engineering, computer science, math, or the natural sciences	\bigcirc	
Ethnic or Gender Studies (e.g., African American, Asian, Latino/a, Women)	\bigcirc	
Health, medical services	\bigcirc	
Human relations	\bigcirc	
Political science, Public Administration, International Relations	\bigcirc	
Other social sciences	\bigcirc	
Some other field, please specify	0	



Employment Activities

During what month and year did you start and stop working at this job? If you cannot remember the exact dates, please select approximate dates as best as you can remember.

Start date:	Month			Year	
End date:	Month			Year	
Not applicable (still working at this job)					



Employment Activities

Thinking about the relationship between your employment during the week of December 4, 2006 and your bachelor's degree in sociology, to what extent is your work on this job related to your sociology degree? Please select only one.

- Closely related
- Somewhat related
- Not related



Not

Employment Activities

How important were each of these factors in your decision to work outside your field?

Factor Influencing you to work outside of sociology:

	Very important	Somewhat important	A little important	important at all
Pay or promotion opportunities				
Working conditions (e.g., hours, equipment, working environment)	\bigcirc	\circ		\circ
Job location				
Change in career or professional interests				
Family-related reasons (e.g., children, spouse's job moved)	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Job in field not available				
Other reason, please specify:	0	0	0	0



Job Search

Which of the following sociology-related skills or learning activities have you mentioned in your resume, cover letter or job application form? Which have you discussed in interviews with a potential employer since graduation?

	Mentioned on resume, cover letter, or application	Mentioned during interviews
Skill or Learning Activity		
Form causal hypotheses		
Use computer resources to develop reference lists		
Use statistical software (SPSS, SAS, STATA) to analyze data		
Evaluate different research methods for answering specific		
research questions		
Develop evidence-based arguments		
Discuss percentages and tests of significance in		
bivariate tables		
Continue		



Job Search.

Which of the following sociology-related skills or learning activities have you mentioned in your resume, cover letter or job application form? Which have you discussed in interviews with a potential employer since graduation?

cover letter, or application	Mentioned during interviews
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How often do you use the following sociology-related skills in the performance of your job?

Skill or Learning Activity	All the time	Sometimes	Every once in a while	Never
Form causal hypotheses		\circ		
Use computer resources to develop reference lists				
Use statistical software (SPSS, SAS, STATA) to analyze data	0	0	\circ	0
Evaluate different research methods for answering specific research questions	0	0	\circ	0
Develop evidence-based arguments			\bigcirc	
Discuss percentages and tests of significance in bivariate tables	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Interpret the results of various types of data gathering	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
Identify ethical issues in sociological research.			\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Write a report			\bigcirc	
Working with others in teams	\bigcirc			
Leadership skills	0		0	0



How useful is it that you can apply the sociological perspectives you learned to issues that come up at work?

Sociological Perspectives	Very useful	Somewhat useful	A little useful	Not useful at all
Current sociological explanations about a variety of social issues such as crime, racism, poverty, family formation, or religion	0	0	0	0
What is meant by a social institution and to give examples of their impact on individuals		\circ	0	\circ
Basic theoretical perspectives or paradigms in sociology (e.g., conflict theory, structural functionalism, symbolic interactionism, feminist theory)	0	0	0	0
Basic concepts in sociology (including culture, socialization, institutions, or stratification)	0	\circ	\bigcirc	0
Important differences in the life experiences of people as they vary by race, class, gender, age, disability, and other ascribed statuses	0	0	0	0
Viewing society from alternative or critical perspectives	0	0	0	0
Continue				



Annual earned income in dollars

Before deductions, what was your basic annual income from the jobs or paid internship held in 2006? Include your salary, wages, and tips as part of your annual income including paid internships. If your principle work activity was an unpaid internship, without salary or wages, please enter a zero.

please enter a zero.	
\$	Annual earned income in dollars
☐ I prefer not to re	espond
As things stand now, wise in the next five y	, do you believe having this job will lead you to where you'd like to be career- years?
Yes, definitely	
It might	
Not very likely	
Not a chance	



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\$	Annual earned income in dollars
I prefer not to res	spond
As things stand now, owise in the next five year	do you believe having this job will lead you to where you'd like to be careerears?
Yes, definitely	
It might	
Not very likely	
Not a chance	



Current Educational Participation

Between completing your bachelor's degree in sociology and the week of December 4, 2006, did you take any college or university courses or enroll in a college or university for any other reason, such as completing a master's, PhD, medical, or law degree?

Yes

O No



Current Educational Participation

Did you obtain a degree?

- Yes
- O No



Current Educational Participation

Did y	ou obtain a de	gree? Was this de	gree one of the fe	ollowing?	(Check all that apply.)
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- Post-baccalaureate certificate
- Master's degree (including MBA, MSW)
- JD
- Other professional degree
- Other



Current Educational Participation

Which of the following categories best describes your primary field of study?

Please select an option

Other field (not listed above), please specify:



Current Educational Participation

From which college or university did you obtain your post-baccalaureate degree?

College or University	Name:
City/Town	
State/Foreign Countr	y



Current Educational Participation

How likely is it that you will one day take additional college or university courses?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Very unlikely



Current Educational Participation

Which of the following programs, if any, are you considering pursuing	rams, if any, are you considering pursui	ing pursuing?
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- Bachelor's degree
- Post-baccalaureate certificate
- Master's degree (including MBA)
- Post master's certificate
- Doctorate (Ph.D., D.S.C., D.Sc., Ed.D.)
- Other professional degree (JD, LLB, ThD, MD, DDS, etc.), please specify:
- Other, please specify:



Current Educational Participation

Have you taken the GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, or other related tests?

Yes

O No



Current Educational Participation

From which college or university are you primarily taking classes?	From which	h college or	university	are you	primarily	taking	classes?
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College or University	Name:
City/Town	
State/Foreign Countr	у



Current Educational Participation

Are you currently taking courses as...

- A part-time student
- A full-time student



Current Educational Participation

Which of the following categories best describes your primary field of study?

Please select an option

Other field (not listed above), please specify:



Current Educational Participation

Toward what degree or certificate, if any, were you (or are you) working during the week of December 4, 2006? <u>If working on more than one degree</u>: Please select the highest level and mark only one.

No specific degree or certificate
Bachelor's degree
O Post-baccalaureate certificate
Master's degree (including MBA)
O Post master's certificate
Octorate (Ph.D., D.S.C., D.Sc., Ed.D.)
Other professional degree (JD, LLB, ThD, MD, DDS, etc.), please specify:
Other, please specify:



Current Educational Participation

Which of the following sociology-related skills or learning activities did you mention in your application for admission in reference to the course of study in which you obtained your post-baccalaureate degree or were enrolled during the week of December 4, 2006? Please select yes or not for each.

Skills	Yes	NO	
Form causal hypotheses		\bigcirc	
Use computer resources to develop reference lists			
Use statistical software (SPSS, SAS, STATA) to analyze data		\bigcirc	
Evaluate different research methods for answering specific research questions		\bigcirc	
Develop evidence-based arguments		\bigcirc	
Discuss percentages and tests of significance in bivariate tables		\bigcirc	
Interpret the results of various types of data gathering		\bigcirc	
Identify ethical issues in sociological research		\bigcirc	
Write a report	\bigcirc		
Continue			



Current Educational Participation

Which of the following sociology-related skills or learning activities did you mention in your application for admission in reference to the course of study in which you obtained your post-baccalaureate degree or were enrolled during the week of December 4, 2006? Please select yes or not for each.

Learning Activities	Yes	No
Community, political, or other volunteer activity		
Internship		\bigcirc
Mentoring program, where a faculty member or student worked closely with you		\bigcirc
Service learning project, where you worked in an agency or in the community as part of a class		
Faculty research project		\bigcirc
Leadership development such as how to work in a group		\bigcirc
Alpha Kappa Delta or other sociology club		\bigcirc
Honors program associated with your department		\bigcirc
Local, state, regional, or national sociology meeting	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Continue		



Current Educational Participation

How often do you use the following sociology-related skills in your coursework in your post-baccalaureate degree program?

	All the time	Sometimes	Every once in a while	Never
Form causal hypotheses		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Use computer resources to develop reference lists	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
Use statistical software (SPSS, SAS, STATA) to analyze data		\circ		\bigcirc
Evaluate different research methods for answering specific research questions		\circ	\bigcirc	0
Develop evidence-based arguments	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
Discuss percentages and tests of significance in bivariate tables	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	0
Interpret the results of various types of data gathering	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Identify ethical issues in sociological research	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
Write a report			\bigcirc	
Work with others			\bigcirc	
Leadership skills			\bigcirc	
Continue				



Current Educational Participation

How useful is it that you can apply sociological perspectives to issues that come up in your coursework?

	Very useful	Somewhat useful	A little useful	Not useful at all
Current sociological explanations about a variety of social issues such as crime, racism, poverty, family formation, or religion	0	0	0	0
What is meant by a social institution and to give examples of their impact on individuals		\circ	\bigcirc	0
Basic theoretical perspectives or paradigms in sociology (e.g., conflict theory, structural functionalism, symbolic interactionism, feminist theory)	0	0	0	0
Basic concepts in sociology (including culture, socialization, institutions, or stratification)	\circ	0	\bigcirc	0
Important differences in the life experiences of people as they vary by race, class, gender, age, disability, and other ascribed statuses	0	0	0	0
Viewing society from alternative or critical perspectives	\circ	0	0	0
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Satisfaction and Career Plans

Sociology department chairs and faculty are very interested in improving their undergraduate programs to better prepare students for the future. The following questions allow you to tell them if your studies have helped you in a variety of areas.



How satisfied are you with the training supplied by your sociology program in the following areas?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Speaking skills		\bigcirc		
Writing skills		\bigcirc		
Analytical skills		\bigcirc		
Computer skills		\bigcirc		
Leadership skills	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
Team skills				



How satisfied are you with the training supplied by your sociology program in the following areas?

Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not very satisfied	all satisfied
\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
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Which of the following skills would you like to have learned better as a part of your undergraduate program? Please select all that apply.

Personnel Relationships

- Collaboration with people from diverse professional, educational, and ethnic backgrounds
- Employee relations, including recruiting, personnel development, training, and managing and supervising other employees
- Networking for professional opportunities



Which of the following skills would you like to have learned better as a part of your undergraduate program? Please select all that apply.

Business Functions

	Accounting,	finance,	contracts
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- Project or program development and management (including budgets)
- Fund raising
- Sales, purchasing, marketing, customer service, or public relations
- Client and customer relationships



Which of the following skills would you like to have learned better as a part of your undergraduate program? Please select all that apply.

Communications

- Advising, counseling
- Writing and presenting concise reports for a general audience



Which of the following skills would you like to have learned better as a part of your undergraduate program? Please select all that apply.

Technical Skills

Designing research projects
Survey research methods
Statistical analysis
Qualitative methods
Data management, data mining
Writing grant proposals
Research integrity/ethics
── Visual presentation skills such as drawing graphs with Microsoft Excel
Analyzing and evaluating public policy
Computer applications, programming, systems development (SPSS, SAS, Visual Basic, etc.)



Is there anything else you wish you had learned better while taking sociology courses?

What additional training should sociology departments add to their undergraduate programs in order to enhance students' skills and their understanding of the social world in general?



Overall, gi	ven where you	are now after	r completing y	your bachelor'	s degree in	sociology, I	how
satisfied a	re you with you	ur sociology e	experiences?				

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

If you had to do it all over again, given where you are at now after completing your bachelor's degree in sociology, would you choose sociology again as your major field of study or something else?

- I would choose sociology again (as a separate major or in combination with something else)
- I would choose another major



Given your experiences since receiving your bachelor's degree, why would choose another major instead of sociology?



In thinking about your current situation, what are your plans for the next 5 years? Please select as many as apply.

	No	Yes	Don't know	N/A	
Continue my current degree program					
Begin a new degree program		\bigcirc			
Continue to work at my current job		\bigcirc			
Expect to be promoted by my current employer					
Seek promotion in current field		\bigcirc			
Obtain new job in same field		\bigcirc			
Obtain new job in different field					
Marry					
Have a child					
Go into the military					
Travel extensively		\bigcirc			
Other. Please describe:	0	\bigcirc	0		



What is	s your current martial status?
	Single, never married
	Married
	Divorced
	Living together with a partner
	Other
Have y	ou had any children since you graduated with your bachelor's degree in sociology?
O ,	Yes
	No
What is	s your current living situation?
\bigcirc I	Living in my own place by myself
	Living on my own with a roommate
	Living in my own place with a spouse/partner and/or children
	Living with my parents or family
0	Other
Are yo	u currently receiving financial support from your parents or family or are you self-sufficient?
	am receiving quite a bit of financial support from my parents or family
	am receiving fairly little financial support from my parents or family
	am self-sufficient



If you have any additional comments, please enter them below:



Thank you for completing this survey	Thank you	for comp	oleting	this	survey
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Thank you for	completing this survey.
Would you like	e us to share the overall results of this survey with you?
Yes	
O No	
May we contac college experi	ct you again to do a brief follow-up interview to better understand your post- ience?
○ Yes	
O No	



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Please confirm your e-mail address



THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR VIEWS!

Your responses to the survey were successfully submitted.

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