

**DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND – DMQ - FAM**  
**Target Group: ■ Head of CPS Family (Non-SP)**  
**■ Head of CPS Family Spouse (Non-SP)**

**BOX 1A**

**RULES FOR ADMINISTERING THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND OCCUPATION SECTION OF THE FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE:**

- A CPS FAMILY INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 16+ AND RELATED BY BIRTH, MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION. STEP CHILDREN, PARENTS OR SIBLINGS ARE INCLUDED. IT ALSO INCLUDES UNMARRIED PARTNERS IF THEY HAVE A BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE CHILD IN COMMON. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE UNMARRIED PARTNERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A CHILD IN COMMON, FOSTER PARENTS OR FOSTER CHILDREN. NOTE: A CPS FAMILY CAN BE ONE INDIVIDUAL. NOTE: IF A MINOR WARD IS NOT RELATED TO A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER AGE 18+, THE WARD WILL BE IN THE SAME NHANES FAMILY AS HIS/HER GUARDIAN, BUT A SEPARATE CPS FAMILY.

**BOX 1**

**LOOP 1:**  
 ASK DMQ.128 – DMQ.141 AS APPROPRIATE FOR NON-SP HEAD OF CPS FAMILY AND NON-SP SPOUSE (RELATIONSHIP OF "MARRIED" IN THE SCREENER) OF HEAD OF CPS FAMILY.

- FIRST ASK DMQ.128, 130, AND 141 FOR NON-SP HEAD OF CPS FAMILY.
- NEXT, ASK DMQ.141 FOR NON-SP SPOUSE OF HEAD OF CPS FAMILY.
- EACH TARGET PERSON SHOULD BE ASKED THIS SECTION ONCE.
- IF NO NON-SP HEAD OF CPS FAMILY AND NON-SP SPOUSE, GO TO END OF SECTION.

DMQ.128 {Were you/Was NON-SP Head} born in the United States or a United States territory?

YES.....	1
NO .....	2 (DMQ.141)
REFUSED.....	7 (DMQ.141)
DON'T KNOW.....	9 (DMQ.141)

DMQ.130 In what state or U.S. territory {were you/was NON-SP HEAD} born?

ENTER 2 LETTER STATE ABBREVIATION TO START THE LOOKUP.  
 SELECT STATE FROM CAPI STATE LIST.  
 PRESS ENTER TO ACCEPT SELECTION.

CAPI INSTRUCTION:  
 DISPLAY FIPS STATE LIST. INTERVIEWER SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO SELECT 1 STATE FROM THE LIST. DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED SHOULD BE VALID OPTIONS. THE STATE LOOKUP IN THE SP AND FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD WORK EXACTLY THE SAME.

DMQ.141 What is the **highest** grade or level of school (you have/NON-SP HEAD/NON-SP SPOUSE has) **completed** or the **highest degree** (you have/he/she has) **received**?

HAND CARD DMQ1  
 READ HAND CARD CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY  
 ENTER HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOL.

NEVER ATTENDED/KINDERGARTEN ONLY.....	0
1ST GRADE .....	1
2ND GRADE .....	2
3RD GRADE .....	3
4TH GRADE .....	4
5TH GRADE .....	5
6TH GRADE .....	6
7TH GRADE .....	7
8TH GRADE .....	8
9TH GRADE .....	9
10TH GRADE .....	10
11TH GRADE .....	11
12TH GRADE, NO DIPLOMA.....	12
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE .....	13
GED OR EQUIVALENT .....	14
SOME COLLEGE, NO DEGREE .....	15
ASSOCIATE DEGREE: OCCUPATIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM .....	16
ASSOCIATE DEGREE: ACADEMIC PROGRAM .....	17
BACHELOR'S DEGREE (EXAMPLE: BA, AB, BS, BBA).....	18
MASTER'S DEGREE (EXAMPLE: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MBA).....	19
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DEGREE (EXAMPLE: MD, DDS, DVM, JD).....	20
DOCTORAL DEGREE (EXAMPLE: PhD, EdD).....	21
REFUSED.....	77
DON'T KNOW.....	99

**BOX 3**

**END LOOP 1:**

- ASK DMQ.128-141 FOR NEXT TARGET PERSON (NON-SP HEAD)
  - ASK DMQ.141 FOR NEXT TARGET PERSON (NON-SP SPOUSE – RELATIONSHIP OF "MARRIED" IN THE SCREENER).
- IF NO NEXT PERSON, GO TO END OF SECTION.

## HELP SCREEN FOR DMQ.141:

School: An institution that advances a person toward an elementary or high school diploma, or a college or professional school degree. Do not count schooling in non-regular schools unless the credits are accepted by regular schools.

Regular school includes graded public, private, and parochial schools, colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, seminaries where a Bachelor's degree is offered, junior colleges specializing in skill training, colleges of education, and nursing schools where a Bachelor's degree is offered.

If the person attended school outside of the "regular" school system, probe to determine if the schooling is applicable here. Use the following guidelines to determine if the schooling should be included:

Training Programs - Count training received "on the job," in the Armed Forces, or through correspondence school only if it was credited toward a school diploma, high school equivalency (GED), or college degree.

Vocational, Trade, or Business School - Do not include secretarial school, mechanical or computer training school, nursing school where a Bachelor's degree is not offered, and other vocational trade or business schools outside the regular school system.

General Educational Development (GED) or High School Equivalency - An exam certified equivalent of a high school diploma. If the person has not actually completed all 4 years of high school, but has acquired his/her GED (high school equivalency based on passing the GED exam), count this and enter code "14."

Adult Education - Adult education classes should not be included as regular school unless such schooling has been counted for credit in a regular school system. If a person has taken adult education classes not for credit, these classes should not be counted as regular school. Adult education courses given in a public school building are part of regular schooling only if their completion can advance a person toward an elementary school certificate, a high school diploma (or GED), or a college degree.

Other School Systems - If the person attended school in another country, in an ungraded school, in a "normal school", under a tutor, or under other special circumstances, ask the respondent to give the nearest equivalent of years in regular U.S. schooling. GED (General Educational Development): An exam certified equivalent of a high school diploma.

Occupational, Technical, or Vocational Program: Includes secretarial school, mechanical or computer training school, nursing school where a Bachelor's degree is not offered and other trade and business schools outside the regular school system.

College: Any junior college, community college, four-year college or university, nursing school or seminary where a college degree is offered, and graduate school or professional school that is attended after obtaining a degree from a 4-year institution.

Bachelor's Degree: An educational degree given by a college or university to a person who has completed a 4-year course or its equivalent in the humanities or related studies (B.A.) or in the sciences (B.S.).

Doctoral Degree: The highest educational degree given by a college or university to a person who has completed a prescribed course of advanced graduate study. For example—a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).