

OCCUPATION – OCQ
Target Group: SPs 16+

OCQ.152 In this part of the survey, I will ask you questions about {your/SP's} work experience.

Which of the following {were you/was SP} doing **last week**?

- Working at a job or business, 1 (OCQ.180)
- with a job or business but not at work,..... 2 (OCQ.210)
- looking for work, or 3 (END OF SECTION)
- not working at a job or business? 4 (OCQ.383)
- REFUSED 7 (END OF SECTION)
- DON'T KNOW 9 (END OF SECTION)

OCQ.180 How many hours did {you/SP} work **last week** in total at **all** jobs or businesses?

ENTER NUMBER OF HOURS

CAPI INSTRUCTION:
 SOFT EDIT >59. HARD EDIT 1-168.

- REFUSED 77777
- DON'T KNOW 99999

BOX 1

CHECK ITEM OCQ.200:
 IF HOURS IN OCQ.180 <= 34, OR REFUSED (CODE 77777), OR DON'T KNOW
 (CODE 99999), CONTINUE.
 OTHERWISE, GO TO OCQ.215.

OCQ.210 {Do you/Does SP} **usually** work 35 hours or more per week in total at all jobs or businesses?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED 7
- DON'T KNOW 9

OCQ.215 *How many days per week {do you/does SP} usually work?*

ENTER NUMBER OF DAYS (END OF SECTION)

CAPI INSTRUCTION:
 HARD EDIT VALUES LESS THAN 1AND GREATER THAN 7.

- REFUSED 77 (END OF SECTION)
- DON'T KNOW 99 (END OF SECTION)

OCQ.383 What is the **main** reason {you/SP} did not work **last week**?

TAKING CARE OF HOUSE OR FAMILY	1
GOING TO SCHOOL	2
RETIRED.....	3
UNABLE TO WORK FOR HEALTH REASONS/DISABLED	4
CAN'T FIND WORK/ON LAYOFF	5
SEASONAL/CONTRACT WORK	6
OTHER.....	7
REFUSED	77
DON'T KNOW	99

HELP SCREEN FOR OCQ.152:

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Job: A job exists when there is:

1. A definite arrangement for regular work;
2. The arrangement is on a continuing basis (like every week or month); and
3. A person receives pay or other compensation for his/her work.

The schedule of hours or days can be irregular as long as there is a definite arrangement to work on a continuing basis.

Include:

Persons who worked for wages, salary, commission, tips, piece-rates or pay-in-kind.

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Business: A business exists when one or more of the following conditions are met:

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Examples of what to include as a business:

Sewing performed in the sewer's house using his/her own equipment.

Operation of a farm by a person who has his/her own farm machinery, other farm equipment, or his/her own farm.

Do not count the following as a business:

Yard sales; the sale of personal property is not a business or work.

Seasonal activity during the off season; a seasonal business outside of the normal season is not a business. For example, a family that chops and sells Christmas trees from October through December does not have a business in July.

Distributing products such as Tupperware or newspapers. Distributing products is not a business unless the person buys the goods directly from a wholesale distributor or producer, sells them to the consumer, and bears any losses resulting from failure to collect from the consumer.

Looking for Work: To be looking for work, a person has to have conducted an active job search. An active job search means that the person took steps necessary to put him/herself in a position to be hired for a job. Active job search methods include:

1. Filled out applications or sent out resumes;
2. Placed or answered classified ads;
3. Checked union/professional registers;
4. Bid on a contract or auditioned for a part in a play;
5. Contacted friends or relatives about possible jobs;
6. Contacted school/college university employment office;
7. Contacted employment directly.

Job search methods that are not active include the following:

1. Looked at ads without responding to them;
2. Picked up a job application without filling it out.

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Hours Worked Last Week: The number of hours actually worked last week. Hours worked will include overtime if the person worked overtime last week. The actual hours worked is often not the same as the hours on which the person's salary is based. We want the actual hours spent working on the job, whether the hours were paid or not. However, unpaid hours spent traveling to and from work are not included in hours worked last week.

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Taking Care of House or Family: Doing any type of work around the house, such as cleaning, cooking, maintaining the yard, caring for children or family, etc.

Going to School: Attending any type of public or private educational establishment both in and out of the regular school system.

Retired: Respondent defined.

Unable to Work for Health Reasons/Disabled: Respondent defined.

Can't find work/On Layoff: Is when a person is waiting to be called back to a job from which they were temporarily laid-off or furloughed. Layoffs can be due to slack work, plant retooling or remodeling, inventory taking, and the like. Do not consider a person who was not working because of a labor dispute at his or her place of employment as being in layoff.

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