

## Education and Training

*This survey accompanies a measure in the SPARQTools.org [Measuring Mobility toolkit](#), which provides practitioners curated instruments for assessing mobility from poverty and tools for selecting the most appropriate measures for their programs.*

**Age:** Adult

**Duration:** < 3 minutes

**Reading Level:** < 6th grade

**Number of items:** 7

**Answer Format:** These questions are administered verbally by an interviewer. The questions have different answer formats and can be used individually.

**Sources:**

### Educational Attainment

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### Certificates and Training

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## **Educational Attainment**

1. What is the highest level of school [name/you] [have/has] completed or the highest degree [name/you] [have/has] received?
- a. Less than 1st grade
  - b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade
  - c. 5th or 6th grade
  - d. 7th or 8th grade
  - e. 9th grade
  - f. 10th grade
  - g. 11th grade
  - h. 12th grade: NO DIPLOMA
  - i. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (For example: GED)
  - j. Some college but no degree
  - k. Associate degree in college: Occupational/vocational program
  - l. Associate degree in college: Academic program
  - m. Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, AB, BS)
  - n. Master's degree (For example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
  - o. Professional School Degree (For example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
  - p. Doctorate degree (For example: PhD, EdD)

If some college but no degree ("j" above), ask...

2. How many years of college CREDIT [have/has] [name/you] completed? [Have / Has] [you/he/she] COMPLETED...
- q. Less than 1 year (include 0 years completed)?
  - r. The first, or FRESHMAN year?
  - s. The second, or SOPHOMORE year?
  - t. The third, or JUNIOR year?
  - u. Four or more years?

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3. [Does/do] [name/you] have a currently active professional certification or a state or industry license? Do not include business license, such as a liquor license or vending license.

*(Read if necessary: a professional certification or license shows you are qualified to perform a specific job. Examples include a real estate license, a medical assistant certification, a Teacher License or an IT certification. Only include certifications or licenses obtained by an individual.)*

- a. Yes
- b. No

4. Were any of [your/his/her] certifications or licenses issued by the federal, state, or local government?

- a. Yes
- b. No

5. Did [name] receive any kind of training - to help search for or train for a new job in the past year?

- a. Yes
- b. No

6. Who paid for [your/name] to attend that training?

- a. Federal, state, or local government program (NOT employer)
- b. Self or family
- c. Current or previous employer
- d. Other

7. Where did this training take place?

- a. Business, technical, or vocational school
- b. High school
- c. Two-year or community college
- d. Four-year college or university
- e. At current or previous employer's place of work
- f. Correspondence course
- g. Sheltered workshop
- h. Vocational rehabilitation center
- i. Other