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UNEMPLOYMENT SPELLS
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I. INTRODUCTION

The data file described in this documentation contains data on 3,039 unemployment insurance recipients from Missouri and Pennsylvania whose benefit year begin dates fell between October of 1979 and March of the following year. Interviews on these individual's labor market activities were conducted one year later. Approximately two thirds of the interviews were conducted by telephone and the remaining third were divided between two mail interviews, the "detailed" and "abbreviated" mail interviews. All three interviews collected identical information except that the abbreviated mail interview contained questions for only the first job which the interviewee had following his initial layoff and the telephone and detailed mail surveys contained questions for up to three jobs. A special set of summary questions covered the entire year's labor market activity on the abbreviated mail interview. Since the question order differed on the three interviews, the mail interview data were reformatted on this data file to resemble the telephone interview. The resulting data file consists of 339 variables. Items 1-157 come directly from the interview, items 158-163 are the summary questions which appear only on the abbreviated mail interview, items 164-201 are created from the interview variables, items 202-292 come from the federal CWBH data bank (these are the record type 2 and 3 CWBH variables), items 293-328 consist of additional constructed variables, and items 329-339 are constructed from ESARS data supplied by each of the states.

Codes for the variables are found in several places. For pre-coded questions, codes are found directly in the interview (see Appendix A). Codes for constructed variables appear on the file layout found in Section

III. Industry-occupation codes are found in Appendix B. And general codes for missing data are as follows:

- 1: Entire period (applicable to Q38 and Q40 only)
- 2: Not applicable to respondent
- 5: Don't know, refused, or missing

Two key variables on the data tape are variables 2 and 293.

Variable 2 is the type of interview (54 = detailed mail, 55 = abbreviated mail, 56 = telephone). And variable 293, "MISS," identifies the principle analysis sample. It indicates that no missing values are present for a set of key variables.

Section II of the documentation contains a physical description of the tape, followed by the file layout in Section III, and the interviews and industry-occupation codes in Appendices A and B respectively.

II. PHYSICAL TAPE DESCRIPTION

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Density | 1600 BPI |
| Coding | EBCDIC |
| Label | One Standard Label |
| Record Format | Fixed Block |
| Record Length | 936 |
| Blocking Factor | 10 |
| Block Size | 9360 |
| Number of Records | 3039 |
| Number of Reels | 1 |
| DSN | UNEMP.SPLLS.FILE |
| Vol=Ser@ | 903123 |

III.

FILE LAYOUT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT SPELLS
DATA ITEMS

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|----------------|----------|----------------------|
| Interview Data | | |
| 1 | 1-2 | BATCH |
| 2 | 3-4 | BATCH |
| 3 | 5-10 | BATCH |
| 4 | 11-13 | MPRI |
| 5 | 14-15 | ID |
| 6 | 16-17 | ID |
| 7 | 18-23 | ID |
| 8 | 24-28 | Interviewer ID |
| 9 | 29-32 | Date of Interview |
| 10 | 33-36 | Time Interview Began |
| 11 | 37-38 | AM PM |
| 12 | 39-40 | STATUS |
| 13 | 41-43 | FILLER |
| 14 | 44-45 | FILLER |
| 15 | 46-47 | FILLER |
| 16 | 48-53 | FILLER |
| 17 | 54-57 | FILLER |
| 18 | 58-59 | FILLER |
| 19 | 60-61 | FILLER |
| 20 | 62-63 | Q1 |
| 21 | 64-65 | Q2 |
| 22 | 66-67 | Q3 MONTH |
| 23 | 68-69 | Q3 DAY |
| 24 | 70-71 | Q3 YEAR |
| 25 | 72-74 | Q4 |
| 26 | 75-79 | Q4 \$ |
| 27 | 80-81 | Q5 |
| 28 | 82-83 | Q6 MONTH |
| 29 | 84-85 | Q6 DAY |
| 30 | 86-87 | Q6 YEAR |
| 31 | 88-89 | Q7 |
| 32 | 90-91 | Q8 |
| 33 | 92-93 | Q9 |
| 34 | 94-95 | Q10A |
| 35 | 96-97 | Q10B |
| 36 | 98-99 | Q10C |
| 37 | 100-101 | Q10D |
| 38 | 102-103 | Q10E |
| 39 | 104-105 | Q10F |
| 40 | 106-107 | Q10G |
| 41 | 108-109 | Q10H |
| 42 | 110-111 | Q10I |
| 43 | 112-113 | Q11 |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|------|
| 44 | 114-115 | Q12A |
| 45 | 116-117 | Q12B |
| 46 | 118-119 | Q12C |
| 47 | 120-121 | Q12D |
| 48 | 122-123 | Q12E |
| 49 | 124-125 | Q12F |
| 50 | 126-127 | Q12G |
| 51 | 128-129 | Q13 |
| 52 | 130-131 | Q14 |
| 53 | 132-133 | Q15 |
| 54 | 134-135 | Q16A |
| 55 | 136-137 | Q16B |
| 56 | 138-139 | Q16C |
| 57 | 140-141 | Q16D |
| 58 | 142-143 | Q16E |
| 59 | 144-145 | Q16F |
| 60 | 146-147 | Q16G |
| 61 | 148-149 | Q17 |
| 62 | 150-151 | Q18 |
| 63 | 152-153 | Q19 |
| 64 | 154-155 | Q20A |
| 65 | 156-157 | Q20B |
| 66 | 158-159 | Q20C |
| 67 | 160-161 | Q20D |
| 68 | 162-163 | Q20E |
| 69 | 164-165 | Q20F |
| 70 | 166-167 | Q20G |
| 71 | 168-169 | Q20H |
| 72 | 170-171 | Q21 |
| 73 | 172-173 | Q22A |
| 74 | 174-175 | Q22B |
| 75 | 176-177 | Q22C |
| 76 | 178-179 | Q22D |
| 77 | 180-181 | Q22E |
| 78 | 182-183 | Q22F |
| 79 | 184-185 | Q22G |
| 80 | 186-187 | Q22H |
| 81 | 188-189 | Q22I |
| 82 | 190-191 | Q22J |
| 83 | 192-193 | Q22K |
| 84 | 194-195 | Q23A |
| 85 | 196-197 | Q23B |
| 86 | 198-199 | Q23C |
| 87 | 200-201 | Q23D |
| 88 | 202-203 | Q23E |
| 89 | 204-205 | Q23F |
| 90 | 206-207 | Q23G |
| 91 | 208-209 | Q23H |
| 92 | 210-211 | Q23I |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|-----------|
| 93 | 212-213 | Q23J |
| 94 | 214-215 | Q23K |
| 95 | 216-217 | Q24 |
| 96 | 218-219 | Q25 |
| 97 | 220-222 | Q26 |
| 98 | 223-224 | Q27 |
| 99 | 225-226 | Q28 |
| 100 | 227-228 | Q30 #1 MO |
| 101 | 229-230 | Q30 #1 DA |
| 102 | 231-232 | Q30 #1 YR |
| 103 | 233-234 | Q30 #1 MO |
| 104 | 235-236 | Q30 #1 DA |
| 105 | 237-238 | Q30 #1 YR |
| 106 | 239-240 | Q31 #1 |
| 107 | 241-242 | Q32 #1 |
| 108 | 243-244 | Q33 #1 |
| 109 | 245-246 | Q34 #1 |
| 110 | 247-248 | Q35 #1 |
| 111 | 249-250 | Q36 #1 |
| 112 | 251-255 | Q36 #1 \$ |
| 113 | 256-257 | Q37 #1 |
| 114 | 258-259 | Q38 #1 |
| 115 | 260-261 | Q39 #1 |
| 116 | 262-263 | Q40 #1 |
| 117 | 264-265 | Q41 #1 |
| 118 | 266-267 | Q42 #1 |
| 119 | 268-269 | Q30 #2 MO |
| 120 | 270-271 | Q30 #2 DA |
| 121 | 272-273 | Q30 #2 YR |
| 122 | 274-275 | Q30 #2 MO |
| 123 | 276-277 | Q30 #2 DA |
| 124 | 278-279 | Q30 #2 YR |
| 125 | 280-281 | Q31 #2 |
| 126 | 282-283 | Q32 #2 |
| 127 | 284-285 | Q33 #2 |
| 128 | 286-287 | Q34 #2 |
| 129 | 288-289 | Q35 #2 |
| 130 | 290-291 | Q36 #2 |
| 131 | 292-296 | Q36 #2 \$ |
| 132 | 297-298 | Q37 #2 |
| 133 | 299-300 | Q38 #2 |
| 134 | 301-302 | Q39 #2 |
| 135 | 303-304 | Q40 #2 |
| 136 | 305-306 | Q41 #2 |
| 137 | 307-308 | Q42 #2 |
| 138 | 309-310 | Q30 #3 MO |
| 139 | 311-312 | Q30 #3 DA |
| 140 | 313-314 | Q30 #3 YR |
| 141 | 315-316 | Q30 #3 MO |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|-----------|
| 142 | 317-318 | Q30 #3 DA |
| 143 | 319-320 | Q30 #3 YR |
| 144 | 321-322 | Q31 #3 |
| 145 | 323-324 | Q32 #3 |
| 146 | 325-326 | Q33 #3 |
| 147 | 327-328 | Q34 #3 |
| 148 | 329-330 | Q35 #3 |
| 149 | 331-332 | Q36 #3 |
| 150 | 333-337 | Q36 #3 \$ |
| 151 | 338-339 | Q37 #3 |
| 152 | 340-341 | Q38 #3 |
| 153 | 342-343 | Q39 #3 |
| 154 | 344-345 | Q40 #3 |
| 155 | 346-347 | Q41 #3 |
| 156 | 348-351 | Q43 TIME |
| 157 | 352-353 | AM PM |

Abbreviated Mail Interview Data

| | | |
|-----|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 158 | 354-355 | # weeks subject worked for pay in past year (Q36) |
| 159 | 356-357 | # weeks out of work & actively looking & available for work during past year (Q37) |
| 160 | 358-359 | # times out of work in past year (Q38) |
| 161 | 360-361 | average # of weeks out of work in past year (Q39) |
| 162 | 362-363 | shortest # of weeks out of work in past year (Q40) |
| 163 | 364-365 | longest # of weeks out of work in past year (Q41) |

Constructed Variables (All dates are Julian dates)

| | | |
|-----|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 164 | 366-371 | date of interview |
| 165 | 372-377 | start date of job which made subject eligible for unemployment benefits |
| 166 | 378-383 | end date of job which made subject eligible for unemployment benefits |
| 167 | 384-389 | start date of 1st job after unemployment benefits |
| 168 | 390-395 | end date of 1st job after unemployment benefits |
| 169 | 396-401 | start date of 2nd job after unemployment benefits |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 170 | 402-407 | end date of 2nd job after unemployment benefits |
| 171 | 408-413 | start date of 3rd job after unemployment benefits |
| 172 | 414-419 | end date of 3rd job after unemployment benefits |
| 173 | 420-422 | time (in minutes) of interview |
| 174 | 423-427 | pre-UI weekly earnings |
| 175 | 428-432 | job 1 weekly earnings |
| 176 | 433-437 | job 2 weekly earnings |
| 177 | 438-442 | job 3 weekly earnings |
| 178 | 443-445 | months from start date of pre-UI job to last day worked |
| 179 | 446-448 | weeks from layoff to interview |
| 180 | 449-451 | weeks on job 1 |
| 181 | 452-454 | weeks on job 2 |
| 182 | 455-457 | weeks on job 3 |
| 183 | 458-460 | weeks from end of pre-UI job to job 1 (or to interview date if no job 1 exists) |
| 184 | 461-463 | initial unemployment spell length (weeks) |
| 185 | 464-465 | reason for end of spell (1=employed, 2=out of labor force, 3=still looking) |
| Weeks Not Working Between Jobs: | | |
| 186 | 466-468 | W12 = job 2 start-job 1 end |
| 187 | 469-471 | W23 = job 3 start-job 2 end |
| 188 | 472-474 | W31 = interview date - job 3 end |
| 189 | 475-477 | # weeks employed end of pre-UI job to interview |
| 190 | 478-481 | % time employed |
| Weeks Unemployed Between Jobs: | | |
| 191 | 482-484 | RU12 = job 2 start-job 1 end |
| 192 | 485-487 | TU23 = job 3 start-job 2 end |
| 193 | 488-490 | TU31 = interview-job 3 end |
| 194 | 491-493 | weeks unemployed end of pre-UI job to interview (WU=1US+TU12+TU23+TU31) |
| 195 | 494-496 | weeks out of labor force |
| 196 | 497-499 | WOLF = V179 - WE - WU |
| 197 | 500-502 | % of time unemployed |
| | | % of time out of labor force |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 198 | 503-505 | weeks of UI collected since layoff |
| 199 | 506-507 | exhaustion dummy (0=no; 1=yes) |
| 200 | 508-509 | disqualified dummy (0=no; 1=yes) |
| 201 | 510-512 | gross wage replacement rate (GWRR) |

CWBH Data

| | | |
|-----|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 202 | 513 | state code (1=MO., 2=PA.) |
| 203 | 514-516 | FILLER |
| 204 | 517-522 | FILLER |
| 205 | 523-528 | benefit date |
| 206 | 529-532 | date |
| 207 | 533-534 | status of interview |
| 208 | 535-536 | year of reg. benefit year (-5 if CWBH data missing) |
| 209 | 537-541 | claimants zip code |
| 210 | 542-543 | claimants st. of residence code |
| 211 | 544-546 | claimants cty. of residence code |
| 212 | 547-550 | claimants city of residence code |
| 213 | 551-552 | sex of claimant |
| 214 | 553-554 | year of birth |
| 215 | 555-556 | highest school year completed |
| 216 | 557-558 | vocational/technical school |
| 217 | 559-560 | ethnic group |
| 218 | 561-565 | local office code |
| 219 | 566-567 | claim filed in person or by mail |
| 220 | 568-569 | intra-inter-st.-combined wage |
| 221 | 570-571 | st. code inter combined trans. |
| 222 | 572-573 | monetarily valid |
| 223 | 574-575 | benefit series |
| 224 | 576-577 | program type-CLM |
| 225 | 578-579 | special programs-CLM |
| 226 | 580-581 | reimbursable employees-CLM |
| 227 | 582-586 | base period earnings |
| 228 | 587-591 | high quarter earnings |
| 229 | 592-593 | weeks worked base year |
| 230 | 594-598 | total 1st tier entitlement |
| 231 | 599-601 | augmanted WBA |
| 232 | 602-604 | basic WBA |
| 233 | 605-607 | pension reduction |
| 234 | 608-609 | potential duration-1st tier |
| 235 | 610-615 | date benefit year began |
| 236 | 616-621 | date benefit year ends |
| 237 | 622-627 | date first payment-tier 1 |
| 238 | 628-633 | date final payment-tier 1 |
| 239 | 634-639 | date latest payment-tier 1 |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 240 | 640-644 | total benefit paid-tier 1 |
| 241 | 645-650 | date 1st payment-tier 2 |
| 242 | 651-656 | date final payment-tier 2 |
| 243 | 657-662 | date latest payment-tier 2 |
| 244 | 663-667 | total benefit paid-tier 2 |
| 245 | 668-673 | date 1st payment-tier 3 |
| 246 | 674-679 | date final payment-tier 3 |
| 247 | 680-685 | date latest payment-tier 3 |
| 248 | 686-690 | total benefit paid-tier 3 |
| 249 | 691-692 | total duration disqual. |
| 250 | 693-694 | number indefinite disqual. |
| 251 | 695-699 | total-tier 1-entitle-after-disqual. |
| 252 | 700-705 | chk date 1st payment tier 1 |
| 253 | 706-711 | chk date 1st payment tier 2 |
| 254 | 712-717 | chk date 1st payment tier 3 |
| 255 | 718-719 | # of weeks claimed |
| 256 | 720-721 | # weeks comp. total UT |
| 257 | 722-723 | # weeks comp. partial UT |
| 258 | 724-725 | # weeks comp. part.-Total UT |
| 259 | 726-727 | no add. initial clms filed |
| 260 | 728-733 | date fired |
| 261 | 734-735 | type of claim |
| 262 | 736-737 | # weeks last job to file |
| 263 | 738-742 | FEIN |
| 264 | 743-747 | FEIN |
| 265 | 748-752 | Employer-S10 |
| 266 | 753-755 | County code of employer |
| 267 | 756-757 | designation of employer |
| 268 | 758-759 | reason for job separation |
| 269 | 760-761 | separation disqual imposed |
| 270 | 762-767 | begin date sep. disqual. |
| 271 | 768-769 | separation issue |
| 272 | 770-771 | wks. duration of SEP disqual. |
| 273 | 772-773 | separation disqual. duration |
| 274 | 774-775 | non-monetary issue |
| 275 | 776-777 | benefits denied duration |
| 276 | 778-779 | monetary entitlement reduced |
| 277 | 780-781 | marital status |
| 278 | 782-783 | recall expect prev. employer |
| 279 | 784-785 | definite recall date given |
| 280 | 786-787 | household income |
| 281 | 788-789 | retirement pension class |
| 282 | 790-793 | usual weekly earnings |
| 283 | 794-795 | usual weekly hours worked |
| 284 | 796-797 | spouse work indicator |
| 285 | 798-799 | # people in household |
| 286 | 800-801 | # workers in household |
| 287 | 802-803 | # dependents |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 288 | 804-810 | occupation or skill level |
| 289 | 811-812 | state code of last employer |
| 290 | 813-817 | zip code of last employer |
| 291 | 818-823 | last day worked |
| 292 | 824-827 | ***for state usage |

Constructed Variables

| | | |
|-----|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 293 | 828-829 | MISS (=0 if no missing values for the following variables: 28, 30, 184, 198, 199, 201, 214, 215, 217, 234, 285, 174, 27, 20, 208; =1 otherwise) |
| 294 | 830-833 | T2: tax rate according to state |
| 295 | 834-835 | Net wage replacement ratio: GWRR redefined (GWRR/(1-T2)) |
| 296 | 836-837 | state (0=MO., 1=PA.) |
| 297 | 838-839 | LTJN80 (=1 if laid-off prior to Jan 80) |
| 298 | 840-841 | GTJN80 (=1 if laid-off after Jan 80) |
| 299 | 842-843 | AGE in years |
| 300 | 844-845 | SEX (=0 if male; 1 if female) |
| 301 | 846-847 | BLACK (=1 if black) |
| 302 | 848-849 | SPWK (=1 if spouse working) |
| 303 | 850-855 | XPREWG (hourly wage pre-UI job V174/V27) |
| 304 | 856-857 | XPRCL2 (=1 if V278=1 expecting recall-previous employer) |
| 305 | 858-859 | XPRCL3 (=1 if V279=1 definite recall date given) |
| 306 | 860-863 | PD2 (potential duration * 1.5; =39 if STATE = 39) |

[NOTE: V307-V311 are constructed from interview data]

| | | |
|-----|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 307 | 864-865 | USEES: (=1 if use ES service) |
| 308 | 866-867 | ESJOB (=1 if had to go to ES to get UI) |
| 309 | 868-869 | ESJOBE (=1 if went to ES early) |
| 310 | 870-871 | ESJOBL (=1 if went to ES late) |
| 311 | 872-873 | REFER (=1 if respondent was referred to job) |
| 312 | 874-875 | JOBINFO (=1 if V65, V66 or V67=1) |
| 313 | 876-881 | XHRWG1 (hourly wage on job 1) |
| 314 | 882-887 | RWUI (real weekly wage on pre UI job) (Deflator*V174) |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 315 | 888-893 | HRPRE (real hourly wage on pre-UI job) |
| 316 | 894-899 | RW1 (real wage on job 1) (Deflator * V175) |
| 317 | 900-905 | HRWG1 (real hourly wage on job 1) (RW1/V110) |
| 318 | 906-910 | WKS1: (V194-198) = -1 if V194 or V198 < 0 = -2 if V199 = 0 = -3 if V 167 < 0 = -4 if V198-V194 < 0 |
| 319 | 911-916 | DATEX: = V242 if V242 > 0 = V238 if V238 > 0 and V242 ≤ 0 = -2 otherwise |
| 320 | 917-918 | EXHT1: exhaustion Tier 1 dummy =1 if V238 > 0 |
| 321 | 919-920 | EXHT2: exhaust in Tier 2 dummy =1 if V242 > 0 |
| 322 | 921-925 | WKS2: = weeks between V167 & DATEX if V167 ≥ DATEX = weeks between V169 & DATEX if V167 ≤ DATEX & DATEX ≥ V169 = 0 if V169 > 0 & DATEX ≥ V169 = -2 if DATEX = -2 = -3 if V167 < 0 |
| 323 | 926-927 | SAMEJOB: =1 if V106 = 1 |
| 324 | 928-929 | EXHT3: =1 if V198 ≥ PD1 = -1 if either V198 or PD1 missing = 0 otherwise |
| 325 | 930-931 | EXHT4: = 1 if V198 ≥ PD2 = -1 if V198 or PD2 < 0 = 0 otherwise |
| 326 | 932-936 | WKS3: same as WKS1 except = -2 EXHT3 = 0 |
| 327 | 937-941 | WKS4: same as WKS1 except = -2 if EXHT4 = 0 |
| 328 | 942-943 | SUM2: EXHT3 + EXHT4 |

ESARS Data

| | | |
|-----|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 329 | 944-946 | XCONT: transaction code of 1st ESARS transaction |
| 330 | 947-952 | XCONTD: date of 1st ESARS trans- action |

| Variable # | Position | Name |
|------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 331 | 953-954 | XCT: counseling testing =0 if no counseling testing; otherwise positive number indicating # of times that transaction occurred). Counseling and testing are ESARS codes 200, 202 and 210- 219. |
| 332 | 955-956 | XJR: job referral; =0 if no job referral, otherwise positive number indicating number of times that transaction occurred. Job referrals are ESARS codes 242, 252 and 262. |
| 333 | 957-958 | XP: job placement; =0 if no job placement, otherwise positive number indicating number of times that transaction occurred. Job placements are ESARS transaction codes 750-776. |
| 334 | 959-960 | XL0: local office contact; =0 if no local office contact, other- wise positive number indicating number of times that transac- tion occurred. ESARS transaction code 500. |
| 335 | 961-966 | XCTDATE: date of first counsel- ing testing transaction |
| 336 | 967-972 | XJRDATE: date of first local office contact transaction |
| 337 | 973-978 | XPDATE: date of first job place- ment transaction |
| 338 | 979-984 | XLODATE: date of first job placement transaction |
| 339 | 985-986 | ESARS (=1 if respondent has ESARS record) |

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The United States Department of Labor has asked us to conduct a study to find out more about what happens to people who have filed for unemployment insurance benefits. The study is being conducted under Section 906 of the Social Security Act which directs the Secretary of Labor to establish a continuing and comprehensive program of research to evaluate the Federal-State unemployment compensation system.

Your name has been randomly selected from a list of people who filed claims for unemployment benefits in your state about a year ago. It is very important for the accuracy of this study that you fill out the enclosed questionnaire.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, the information you give us is voluntary, and will not affect any of your past or future rights to benefits in any way. All of the information you give us will be confidential and will not be identified with your name. The information will be used only for research and the study report will be in statistical form only.

The identification number on the questionnaire is used in order to check your name off the mailing list when your questionnaire is returned.

The results of this study will be used to help improve the unemployment insurance program in the future. When you have completed the questionnaire, please use this self-addressed envelope to return it. No postage is necessary.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lois Blanchard
Project Manager

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Legal Citation: Section 906
Social Security Act
(42 U.S.C. 1106)
OMB #44-S-80012
MPRI #354

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STUDY

1. According to unemployment insurance records, you established a claim for benefits on _____.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE JOB YOU HAD JUST BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE.

2. What type of company did you work for? What did they make or do?

3. What was your job title: _____

What were your main duties and activities:

4. When did you start working on this job? (If you worked there more than once, give the date you first started before applying for unemployment benefits a year ago.)

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

5. How many hours did you usually work per week? (Include overtime and paid lunchtime as hours worked.)

_____ HOURS/WEEK

6. How much were your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions, and overtime as earnings.

_____ PER WEEK

7. What was the last day you worked on this job before you applied for unemployment insurance benefits a year ago?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

8. Did you look for work after this job ended a year ago?

1 Yes

GO TO QUESTION 10

2 No

9. Why not?

1 New job to start

2 Expected to get old job back

3 No job available in my line of work

Circle

4 Not enough skills, schooling, or experience

as many

5 Family responsibilities

as apply

6 Went to school

7 Ill health

8 Discrimination due to age, sex, or race

9 Retired

10 Other reason

9a. IF YOU DID NOT LOOK FOR WORK AFTER THIS JOB ENDED, GO TO QUESTION 24, PAGE 6.

10. THE QUESTIONS ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES ASK ABOUT HOW YOU LOOKED FOR JOBS AFTER THE END OF THE JOB DESCRIBED ON PAGE 1.

How many weeks were you actively looking and available for work after your job ended?

_____ WEEKS

11. On the average, how many hours each week would you say you spent looking for work during this time?

_____ HOURS PER WEEK SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK

12. Which of the following did you use to help you find a job?

1 State Employment Service or State Job Service

2 Private employment agency

3 Friends or relatives

Circle 4 Looked in newspapers

as many

5 Placed ads

as apply

6 Answered ads

7 Applied directly with possible employers

8 Union hall

9 Other (please describe) _____

13. Did you go to the State Employment Service or State Job Service?

1 Yes → **GO TO QUESTION 15**

2 No

14. Why didn't you go?

1 Didn't think it would help me get a job

2 Had a job, or awaiting recall to job

3 Too far away

Circle

4 It doesn't help union members

as many

5 Didn't think of it

as apply

6 Wages of jobs offered were too low

7 Other (please describe) _____

14a. IF YOU DID NOT GO TO THE STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OR JOB SERVICE, GO TO QUESTION 23 ON PAGE 5.

15. What is the main reason you went to the State Employment Service or State Job Service?

1 I wanted help in finding a job

2 I was required to go in order to receive unemployment benefits

16. When did you go to the State Employment Service or State Job Service?

1 When I first started looking for work → **GO TO QUESTION 18**

2 Only after trying other ways of finding a job

17. Why didn't you go when you first started looking?

1 Didn't think it would help

2 Awaiting recall to job

3 Too far away

Circle

4 Didn't think it would help union members

as many

5 Didn't think of going

as apply

6 Wages of jobs offered were too low

7 Other (please describe) _____

18. When you went to the State Employment Service or State Job Service, were you referred to any employers?

1 Yes

2 No → **GO TO QUESTION 22 ON NEXT PAGE**

18a. How many employers were you referred to? _____

19. Did you get any job offers as a result of referrals from the State Employment Service or State Job Service?

1 Yes

2 No → **GO TO QUESTION 22 ON NEXT PAGE**

20. How many? _____

21. Did you accept any of these offers?

1 Yes

2 No

22. When you went to the State Employment Service or State Job Service, which of the following did they do?

- 1 Helped me fill out job applications and contact employers
- 2 Gave me information about jobs in other areas or towns
- 3 Referred me to other agencies which might help me find a job
- 4 Taught me how to apply for jobs
- 5 Gave me information to help me decide on a career or occupation
- 6 Tested me to see what jobs I am qualified or suited for
- 7 Gave me information about job training programs
- 8 Got me into a job training program
- 9 None of the above

Circle
as many
as apply

23. Please circle the number next to any of the reasons which might explain why you stopped looking for work during the time after the end of the job described on page 1:

- 1 Re-employed or new job to start
- 2 Expected to get old job back
- 3 Couldn't find a job
- 4 Not enough skills, schooling, or experience
- 5 Family responsibilities
- 6 Went to school
- 7 Ill health
- 8 Discrimination due to sex, age, or race
- 9 Retired
- 10 Other reason (please describe) _____

Circle
as many
as apply

11 Have not stopped-still looking

24. How many weeks did you collect unemployment benefits after the end of the job described on page 1?

_____ WEEKS

IF YOU DID NOT COLLECT ANY BENEFITS, ENTER "0" ON LINE AND GO TO QUESTION 27 BELOW.

25. How much did you collect per week in unemployment benefits?

\$ _____

26. Why did you stop collecting benefits?

1 Re-employed → GO TO QUESTION 28

2 Benefits exhausted

3 Stopped voluntarily

Circle

4 Disqualified

one

number

5 Other reason (please describe) _____

6 Did not stop--still collecting

27. Were you employed again after the date you entered in Question 7?

1 Yes

2 No → GO TO QUESTION 69, PAGE 13

28. ANSWER THE NEXT QUESTIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME YOU WERE EMPLOYED AFTER FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS A YEAR AGO.

When did you start working at this job?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

29. Is this the same employer as the one you had on the job just before you filed for unemployment benefits a year ago?

1 Yes

GO TO QUESTION 32

2 No

30. What type of company was this? What did they make or do?

31. What was/is your job title?

What were your main duties and activities?

32. How did you find this job?

1 Recalled by former employer

2 Private employment agency

3 State Employment Service or State Job Service

Circle

4 Friends or relatives

one

5 Want ads

number

6 Union halls

7 Applied directly with employer

8 Other (please describe)

33. How much were/are your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions and overtime.

\$ _____ PER WEEK

34. How many hours did you usually work per week? Include overtime and paid lunchtime as hours worked.

_____ HOURS/WEEK

35. Are you still working on this job?

1 Yes → GO TO QUESTION 69, PAGE 13

2 No

36. When did this job end?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

37. Did you look for work at all after this job ended?

1 Yes

2 No → GO TO QUESTION 39

38. How many weeks were you actively looking and available for work after this job ended?

WEEKS

39. How many weeks did you collect Unemployment Insurance benefits during this period?

WEEKS

IF YOU DID NOT COLLECT BENEFITS DURING THIS PERIOD, ENTER "0" ON LINE AND GO TO QUESTION 41.

40. Why did you stop collecting benefits this time?

1 Re-employed → GO TO QUESTION 42 ON NEXT PAGE

2 Benefits exhausted

Circle 3 Stopped voluntarily

one 4 Disqualified

number

5 Other reason (please describe) _____

6 Have not stopped--still collecting

41. Were you employed again after the date you entered in Question 36?

1 Yes → GO TO QUESTION 42 ON NEXT PAGE

2 No → GO TO QUESTION 69, PAGE 13

42. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS FOR THE SECOND TIME YOU WERE EMPLOYED AFTER FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS A YEAR AGO.

When did you start working at this job?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

43. Is this the same employer as the one you had on the job just before you filed for unemployment benefits a year ago?

1 Yes _____ → **GO TO QUESTION 46**

2 No

44. What type of company was this? What did they make or do?

45. What was/is your job title? _____

What were your main duties and activities?

46. How did you find this job?

1 Recalled by former employer

2 Private employment agency

3 State Employment Service or State Job Service

Circle

4 Friends or relatives

*one
number*

5 Want ads

6 Union halls

7 Applied directly with employer

8 Other (please describe) _____

47. How much were/are your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions, and overtime.

\$ _____ PER WEEK

48. How many hours did you usually work per week? Include overtime and paid lunchtime as hours worked.

_____ HOURS/WEEK

49. Are you still working on this job?

1 Yes → GO TO QUESTION 69, ON PAGE 13

2 No

50. When did this job end?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

51. Did you look for work at all after this job ended?

1 Yes

2 No → GO TO QUESTION 53

52. How many weeks were you actively looking and available for work after this job ended?

_____ WEEKS

53. How many weeks did you collect Unemployment Insurance benefits during this period?

_____ WEEKS

IF YOU DID NOT COLLECT ANY BENEFITS, ENTER "0" ON LINE AND GO TO QUESTION 55.

54. Why did you stop collecting benefits this time?

1 Re-employed → GO TO QUESTION 56 ON NEXT PAGE

2 Benefits exhausted

3 Stopped voluntarily

Circle

4 Disqualified

one

5 Other reason (please describe) _____

number

6 Have not stopped--still collecting

55. Were you employed again after the date you entered in Question 50?

1 Yes

2 No

GO TO QUESTION 69, PAGE 13

56. ANSWER THE NEXT QUESTIONS FOR YOUR MOST RECENT JOB.

When did you start working at your most recent job?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

57. Is this the same employer as the one you had on the job just before you filed for unemployment benefits a year ago?

1 Yes

GO TO QUESTION 60

2 No

58. What type of company is this? What do they make or do?

59. What was/is your job title?

What were your main duties and activities?

60. How did you find this job?

1 Recalled by former employer

2 Private employment agency

3 State Employment Service or State Job Service

Circle

4 Friends or relatives

one

5 Want ads

number

6 Union halls

7 Applied directly with employer

8 Other (please describe) _____

61. How much were/are your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions, and overtime.

\$ _____ PER WEEK

62. How many hours did you usually work per week? Include overtime and paid lunchtime as hours worked.

_____ HOURS/WEEK

63. Are you still working on this job?

1 Yes

GO TO QUESTION 69 ON NEXT PAGE

2 No

64. When did this job end?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

65. Did you look for work at all after this job ended?

1 Yes

2 No

GO TO QUESTION 67

66. How many weeks were you actively looking and available for work after this job ended?

_____ WEEKS

67. How many weeks did you collect Unemployment Insurance benefits during this period?

_____ WEEKS

IF YOU DID NOT COLLECT ANY BENEFITS, ENTER "0" ON LINE AND GO TO QUESTION 69.

68. Why did you stop collecting benefits this time?

1 Re-employed

2 Benefits exhausted

Circle 3 Stopped voluntarily

one
number

4 Disqualified

5 Other reason (please describe) _____

6 Have not stopped--still collecting

69. Please enter today's date: _____

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The United States Department of Labor has asked us to conduct a study to find out more about what happens to people who have filed for unemployment insurance benefits. The study is being conducted under Section 906 of the Social Security Act which directs the Secretary of Labor to establish a continuing and comprehensive program of research to evaluate the Federal-State unemployment compensation system.

Your name has been randomly selected from a list of people who filed claims for unemployment benefits in your state about a year ago. It is very important for the accuracy of this study that you fill out the enclosed questionnaire.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, the information you give us is voluntary, and will not affect any of your past or future rights to benefits in any way. All of the information you give us will be confidential and will not be identified with your name. The information will be used only for research and the study report will be in statistical form only.

The identification number on the questionnaire is used in order to check your name off the mailing list when your questionnaire is returned.

The results of this study will be used to help improve the unemployment insurance program in the future. When you have completed the questionnaire, please use this self-addressed envelope to return it. No postage is necessary.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Lois Blanchard

Lois Blanchard
Project Manager

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Legal Citation: Section 906
Social Security Act
(42 U.S.C. 1106)

OMB #44-S-80012
MPRI #355

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STUDY

1. According to unemployment insurance records, you established a claim for benefits on _____.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE JOB YOU HAD JUST BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE.

2. When did you start working at that job? (job before claim)

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

3. What type of company did you work for?--what did they make or do?

4. What was your job title? _____

What were your main duties and activities: _____

5. How many hours did you usually work per week? (Include overtime and paid lunchtime as hours worked.)

_____ HOURS/WEEK

6. How much were your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions, and overtime.

\$ _____ PER WEEK

7. What was the last day you worked on this job before you applied for unemployment insurance benefits a year ago?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

8. How many weeks did you collect unemployment benefits after the end of this job? If you have collected benefits more than once during this year, count only the first time you collected benefits after the end of this job.

_____ WEEKS

IF YOU DID NOT COLLECT ANY BENEFITS, ENTER "0" ON LINE AND GO TO QUESTION 11.

9. How much did you collect per week in unemployment benefits?

\$ _____ PER WEEK

10. Why did you stop collecting benefits?

1 Re-employed

2 Benefits exhausted

Circle 3 Stopped voluntarily

one 4 Disqualified

number

5 Other reason (please describe) _____

6 Did not stop--still collecting

11. Did you look for work after this job ended a year ago?

1 Yes →

GO TO QUESTION 13, ON THE NEXT PAGE

2 No

12. Why not?

1 New job to start

2 Expected to get old job back

3 No job available in my line of work

4 Not enough skills, schooling, or experience

Circle as 5 Family responsibilities

many as 6 Went to school

apply

7 Ill health

8 Discrimination due to age, sex, or race

9 Retired

10 Other reason _____

- 12a. IF YOU DID NOT LOOK FOR WORK AFTER THIS JOB ENDED, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 28 ON PAGE 5.

13. The questions on the next three pages are about your job search activities after the end of the job described on page 1.

How many weeks were you actively looking and available for work after your job ended?

_____ WEEKS

14. On the average, how many hours each week would you say you spent looking for work during this time?

_____ HOURS PER WEEK SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK

15. Which of the following did you use to help you find a job?

1 State Employment Service or State Job Service

2 Private employment agency

3 Friends or relatives

Circle as 4 Looked in newspapers

many as 5 Placed ads

apply 6 Answered ads

7 Applied directly with possible employers

8 Union hall

9 Other (please describe) _____

16. Did you go to the State Employment Service or Job Service?

1 Yes _____ → GO TO QUESTION 18 ON THE NEXT PAGE

2 No
↓

17. Why didn't you go?

1 Didn't think it would help me get a job

2 Had a job, or awaiting recall to job

Circle as 3 Too far away

many as 4 It doesn't help union members

apply 5 Didn't think of it

6 Wages of jobs offered were too low

7 Other (Please describe) _____

- 17a. IF YOU DID NOT GO TO THE STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OR JOB SERVICE, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 27, ON PAGE 5.

18. What is the main reason you went to the State Employment Service or Job Service?

- 1 I wanted help in finding a job
- 2 I was required to go in order to receive unemployment benefits

19. When did you go to the State Employment Service or State Job Service?

- 1 When I first started looking for work → **GO TO QUESTION 21**

- 2 Only after trying other ways of finding a job

20. Why didn't you go when you first started looking?

- 1 Didn't think it would help
- 2 Awaiting recall to job
- 3 Too far away
- 4 Didn't think it would help union members
- 5 Didn't think of going
- 6 Wages of jobs offered were too low
- 7 Other (please describe) _____

*Circle
as many
as apply*

21. When you went to the State Employment Service or Job Service, were you referred to any employers?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → **GO TO QUESTION 26 ON PAGE 5**

22. How many employers were you referred to? _____

23. Did you get any job offers as a result of referrals from the State Employment Service or Job Service?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → **GO TO QUESTION 26 ON PAGE 5**

24. How many? _____

25. Did you accept any of these offers?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

26. When you went to the State Employment Service or Job Service, which of the following did they do?

- 1 Helped me fill out job applications and contact employers
- 2 Gave me information about jobs in other areas or towns
- 3 Referred me to other agencies which might help me find a job
- 4 Taught me how to apply for jobs
- 5 Gave me information to help me decide on a career or occupation
- 6 Tested me to see what jobs I am qualified or suited for
- 7 Gave me information about job training programs
- 8 Got me into a job training program
- 9 None of the above

Circle

as many

as apply

27. Please circle the number next to any of the reasons which might explain why you stopped looking for work during the time after the end of the job described on page 1:

- 1 Re-employed or new job to start
- 2 Expected to get old job back
- 3 Couldn't find a job
- 4 Not enough skills, schooling, or experience
- 5 Family responsibilities
- 6 Went to school
- 7 Ill health
- 8 Discrimination due to sex, age, or race
- 9 Retired
- 10 Other reason (please describe) _____

Circle

as many

as apply

11 Have not stopped--still looking

28. Have you had any job since the date you entered in Question 7?

1 Yes

2 No → GO TO QUESTION 36 ON PAGE 7

The following questions are about the first job you had after the job which ended on the date in Question 7.

29. When did this job start?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

30. What type of company is this? What do they make or do?

31. What was/is your job title? _____

What were your main duties and activities? _____

32. Is this the same employer as the one you had on the job just before you filed for unemployment benefits a year ago?

1 Yes

2 No

33. How many hours did/do you usually work per week? (Include overtime and paid lunchtime as hours worked.)

HOURS/WEEK

34. How much were your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions, and overtime.

\$ _____ PER WEEK

35a. Are you still working on this job?

1 Yes

→ GO TO QUESTION 36 ON THE NEXT PAGE

2 No

35b. When did this job end?

_____/_____/_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

The following questions refer to the times when you were working or not working during the past year.

36. During the past year, how many weeks did you do any work for pay?

_____ WEEKS

37. How many weeks were you out of work and actively looking and available for work during the past year?

_____ WEEKS

38. Starting with the date you entered in Question 7, how many times have you been out of work during the past year?

_____ TIMES

39. When you were out of work this past year, what was the average period of time you were out of work--how many weeks? (IF YOU WERE OUT OF WORK ONLY ONCE, ENTER THE NUMBER OF WEEKS HERE AND THEN GO TO QUESTION 42.)

_____ WEEKS

40. During the past year, what was the shortest period of time that you were out of work?

_____ WEEKS

41. What was the longest period of time that you were out of work this past year?

_____ WEEKS

42. PLEASE ENTER TODAY'S DATE _____ / _____ / _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
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APPENDIX A

INTERVIEWS

OMB # 44-S-80012

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MPRI # - 356

RESPONDENT ID#

UNEMPLOYMENT SPELLS
TELEPHONE QUESTIONNAIRE

Time Began

AM...1

[][]:[][] PM...2

Hello, may I please speak to _____?

WHEN CORRECT RESPONDENT ANSWERS, SAY: My name is _____

and I'm calling from Mathematica Policy Research in Princeton, New Jersey.

We are conducting a study for the U.S. Department of Labor to find out more about the experiences of people who have collected unemployment insurance benefits.

Recently a letter was sent to you explaining a little about the study.

Did you receive it?

YES . . (CONTINUE INTRO). 1

NO 2

I'm sorry yours didn't reach you. It was a brief letter we sent so people would know we would be calling them. (CONTINUE INTRO)

We are calling a group of people who established claims for unemployment benefits just about one year ago. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, the information you furnish is voluntary, and your willingness to answer will not affect any of your past or future rights to benefits in any way. All of the information you give us will be confidential and will not be identified with your name. The information will be used only for research and the study report will be in statistical form only.

The interview takes about 15 or 20 minutes. Let's begin.

According to Unemployment Insurance records, you established a claim for unemployment benefits on (BENEFIT YEAR BEGIN DATE). I'd like to ask about the job you had just before you filed for unemployment benefits at that time.

PROBE: The job you had that made you eligible to collect unemployment insurance benefits.

IF DON'T KNOW: Then tell me about the longest job you had in the 12 months before you filed your claim a year ago.

1. What kind of company did you work for? What did they make or do?

[][]

2. What did you do there--what was your job?

[][]

3. When did you start working for that employer? If you worked there more than once, tell me the first time you started before you applied for unemployment insurance a year ago.

INTERVIEWER: DATE MUST BE BEFORE DATE OF BENEFIT YEAR.

/ /
MONTH DAY YEAR

4. How much were your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions and overtime.

1 \$[][], [][][] PER WEEK

2 \$[][], [][][] PER MONTH

3 \$[][], [][][] PER YEAR

IN KIND ONLY NA

5. Counting overtime and paid lunchtime, how many hours per week did you usually work on that job?

[][] HOURS PER WEEK

6. When was the last day you worked on that job before you applied for unemployment insurance benefits a year ago?

/ /
MONTH DAY YEAR

7. I'd like to ask you about the period of time after that job ended.
Did you look for work at that time?

YES 1

NO (GO TO Q.23). 2

8. How many weeks were you actively looking and available for work after
your job ended on (DATE IN Q.6)?

[][] WEEKS

9. And about how many hours per week on the average would you say you spent
looking for work?

[][] HOURS PER WEEK

10. I'm going to read a list of a number of things people sometimes do to try
to find work, and I'd like you to tell me whether you did any of these
things.

Did you. . .

| | YES | NO |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| a. check with the (STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/ STATE JOB SERVICE)? | 1 | 2 |
| b. check with any private employment agency . . . | 1 | 2 |
| c. ask friends or relatives about job openings? | 1 | 2 |
| d. look at want ads? | 1 | 2 → (GO TO F) |
| e. <u>answer</u> any ads? | 1 | 2 |
| f. <u>place</u> any ads in newspapers or other publications? | 1 | 2 |
| g. apply directly with possible employers? . . . | 1 | 2 |
| h. check with your union, if you are a member? . . | 1 | 2 |
| i. do anything else to try to find a job? | 1 | 2 |

SPECIFY: _____

11. INTERVIEWER: DID R GO TO STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OR JOB SERVICE? (SEE Q10A)

YES (GO TO Q.13). . . 1

NO 2

12. You said you did not go to the (STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/STATE JOB SERVICE). Why didn't you go?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

| | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD HELP ME GET A JOB. | 1 |] (GO → TO Q21) |
| AWAITING RECALL. | 1 | |
| TOO FAR AWAY | 1 | |
| WON'T HELP UNION MEMBERS | 1 | |
| DIDN'T THINK OF IT | 1 | |
| WAGES OF JOBS OFFERED TOO LOW. | 1 | |
| OTHER: (SPECIFY) | 1 | |

13. You said you went to the (STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/STATE JOB SERVICE). Were you required to go to the (EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/JOB SERVICE) in order to be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits?

YES 1

NO (GO TO Q.15) 2

14. Did you go to the (EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/JOB SERVICE) mainly to get help in finding a job, or did you go mainly because you had to go in order to receive unemployment insurance benefits?

HELP IN FINDING JOB 1

HAD TO GO TO GET UI 2

15. Did you go to the (STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/STATE JOB SERVICE) when you first started looking for work at this time, or did you go only after you had tried other ways of finding a job?

FIRST STARTED (GO TO Q.17). . . . 1

AFTER OTHER TRIES 2

16. Why didn't you go when you first started looking?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD HELP. 1
AWAITING RECALL 1
TOO FAR AWAY. 1
DIDN'T THINK WOULD HELP UNION MEMBERS 1
DIDN'T THINK OF GOING 1
WAGES OF JOBS OFFERED TOO LOW 1
OTHER: (SPECIFY) 1

17. When you went to the (STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/STATE JOB SERVICE), were you referred to any employers?

IF YES: How many employers were you referred to?

YES [][]

NO (GO TO Q.20) 0

18. Did you get any job offers as a result of referrals by the (EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/JOB SERVICE)?

IF YES: How many job offers did you get?

YES [][]

NO (GO TO Q.20) 0

19. Did you accept any of these offers?

YES 1

NO 2

20. When you went to the (STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/STATE JOB SERVICE), did they. . .

| | YES | NO |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| help you fill out job applications and contact employers? | 1 | 2 |
| give you information about jobs in other areas or towns? | 1 | 2 |
| refer you to other agencies which might help you find a job? | 1 | 2 |
| teach you how to apply for jobs? | 1 | 2 |
| give you information to help you decide on a career or occupation? | 1 | 2 |
| test you to see what jobs you are qualified or suited for? | 1 | 2 |
| give you any information about job training programs? | 1 | 2 |
| get you into any job training program? | 1 | 2 |

21. Did you stop looking for work after this period or are you still looking?

STOPPED LOOKING 1

STILL LOOKING . . (GO TO Q 24). 2

22. OK, now I'd like to know why you stopped looking for a job during the time after your job ended on (DATE IN Q.6). Was it because you started working again or was there some other reason?

PROBE IF OTHER REASON: What was the reason?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

| | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| REEMPLOYED. | 1 | } GO TO Q.24 |
| EXPECTED TO GET OLD JOB BACK. | 1 | |
| <u>COULDN'T FIND</u> ANY WORK. | 1 | |
| <u>LACKED NECESSARY SCHOOLING, TRAINING, SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE.</u> | 1 | |
| EMPLOYER THINKS <u>TOO YOUNG</u> OR <u>TOO OLD</u> | 1 | |
| OTHER <u>PERSONAL HANDICAP</u> IN FINDING JOB, 'INCLUDING RACIAL OR SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION' | 1 | |
| COULDN'T ARRANGE <u>CHILD CARE</u> | 1 | |
| <u>FAMILY</u> RESPONSIBILITY | 1 | |
| <u>IN SCHOOL</u> OR OTHER TRAINING | 1 | |
| ILL <u>HEALTH</u> , PHYSICAL DISABILITY | 1 | |
| OTHER--SPECIFY: | 1 | |

23. Why didn't you look for work?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

NEW JOB TO START. 1

EXPECTED TO GET OLD JOB BACK 1

BELIEVED NO WORK AVAILABLE IN LINE OF WORK OR AREA. 1

LACKED NECESSARY SCHOOLING, TRAINING, SKILLS,
EXPERIENCE. 1

TOO YOUNG, TOO OLD. 1

OTHER PERSONAL HANDICAP IN FINDING A JOB,
INCLUDING RACIAL OR SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION. 1

COULDN'T ARRANGE CHILD CARE 1

OTHER FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY 1

IN SCHOOL OR OTHER TRAINING 1

ILL HEALTH, PHYSICAL DISABILITY 1

OTHER--SPECIFY: 1

24. Did you collect unemployment benefits during this time, after your job ended on (DATE IN Q.6)?

YES 1

NO(GO TO Q.28) 2

25. How many weeks did you collect unemployment benefits during this time?

[][] WEEKS

26. How much did you usually receive per week?

\$ [][][]/WEEK

27. Why did you stop collecting?

REEMPLOYED. . . (GO TO Q.29). 1

BENEFITS EXHAUSTED. 2

STOPPED VOLUNTARILY 3

DISQUALIFIED. 4

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ 5

HAVE NOT STOPPED. 6

28. CODE WITHOUT ASKING IF KNOWN:

Have you done any work for pay since (DATE IN Q.6)?

YES 1

NO (GO TO END). 2

29. Who have you worked for since (DATE IN Q.6)? Tell me the names of all the companies, organizations and persons you've worked for, including any self-employed jobs you may have had since (DATE IN Q.6).

PROBE: Any others?

IF MORE THAN THREE, LIST THE FIRST TWO AND THE MOST RECENT.

FOR EACH EMPLOYER, ASK:

a. When did you start working for (NAME OF EMPLOYER)?
PROBE FOR BEGINNING, MIDDLE OR END OF MONTH IF R CANNOT GIVE EXACT DATES.

b. When did that job end?

c. Did you work on that job continuously from (START DATE) to (END DATE)?

IF NO: I need to find out the dates of each time you worked for (EMPLOYER). When was the first time you stopped working there after (START DATE)? -and when were the other times you worked for (EMPLOYER) during the last year?

RECORD DATES OF ANY UNPAID INTERRUPTIONS OF ONE WEEK OR MORE, AND TREAT THESE AS SEPARATE JOBS.

| | | DATES EMPLOYED | |
|--------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | JOB | FROM | TO |
| _____ | _____ | ____/____/____ | ____/____/____ |
| _____ | _____ | ____/____/____ | ____/____/____ |
| _____ | _____ | ____/____/____ | ____/____/____ |
| NC | | | |

NUMBER JOBS ACCORDING TO START DATE FROM FIRST JOB AFTER DATE IN Q.6 TO MOST RECENT, AND ASK ABOUT JOBS IN THIS ORDER.

JOB #1 = FIRST JOB AFTER DATE IN Q.6.

JOB #2 = SECOND JOB AFTER DATE IN Q.6.

JOB #3 = THIRD JOB, OR MOST RECENT IF MORE THAN 3.

I'd like to ask some questions about (this job/each one of these jobs).

| | JOB #1 (FIRST JOB AFTER DATE IN Q.6) | JOB #2 (SECOND JOB AFTER DATE IN Q.6) | JOB #3 (MOST RECENT JOB IF MORE THAN 3) |
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| 30. Okay, now let's talk about the job you had at (EMPLOYER), where you worked between (DATES OF PERIOD). | FROM ____/____/____ TO ____/____/____ | FROM ____/____/____ TO ____/____/____ | FROM ____/____/____ TO ____/____/____ |
| 31. CODE WITHOUT ASKING IF KNOWN: Is this the same employer as the one you had on the job which ended on (DATE IN Q.6)? | YES .(GO TO Q.35) . . . 1 NO 2 | YES .(GO TO Q.35) . . . 1 NO 2 | YES .(GO TO Q.35) . . . 1 NO 2 |
| 32. What kind of company did you work for? What did they make or do? | _____ _____ _____ [] [] [] | _____ _____ _____ [] [] [] | _____ _____ _____ [] [] [] |
| 33. What did you do there--what was your job? | _____ _____ _____ [] [] [] | _____ _____ _____ [] [] [] | _____ _____ _____ [] [] [] |
| 34. How did you find this job? FOR JOB #2 OR 3, IF THIS IS SAME EMPLOYER AS JOB #1, CIRCLE 1 WITHOUT ASKING. | RECALL BY FORMER EMPLOYER. 1 PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY 2 STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY/STATE JOB SERVICE 3 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES 4 WANT ADS 5 UNION HALLS 6 DIRECTLY WITH EMPLOYER. 7 OTHER: SPECIFY . . . 8 _____ NC | RECALL BY FORMER EMPLOYER. 1 PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY 2 STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY/STATE JOB SERVICE 3 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES 4 WANT ADS 5 UNION HALLS 6 DIRECTLY WITH EMPLOYER. 7 OTHER: SPECIFY . . . 8 _____ NC | RECALL BY FORMER EMPLOYER. 1 PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY 2 STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY/STATE JOB SERVICE 3 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES 4 WANT ADS 5 UNION HALLS 6 DIRECTLY WITH EMPLOYER. 7 OTHER: SPECIFY . . . 8 _____ NC |
| 35. Counting overtime and paid lunchtime, how many hours <u>per week</u> did you usually work on that job? | [] [] [] HOURS | [] [] [] HOURS | [] [] [] HOURS |

| | JOB #1 | JOB #2 | JOB #3 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 36. How much were your usual weekly earnings on this job, before taxes and other deductions? Include tips, commissions and over-time. | 1 \$[][],[][][] PER WEEK 2 \$[][],[][][] PER MONTH 3 \$[][],[][][] PER YEAR IN-KIND ONLY NA | 1 \$[][],[][][] PER WEEK 2 \$[][],[][][] PER MONTH 3 \$[][],[][][] PER YEAR IN-KIND ONLY NA | 1 \$[][],[][][] PER WEEK 2 \$[][],[][][] PER MONTH 3 \$[][],[][][] PER YEAR IN-KIND ONLY NA |
| 37. IF THIS IS CURRENT JOB, CODE 3 WITHOUT ASKING. Did you look for work at all after this job ended? | YES. 1 NO . .(GO TO Q.39) . 2 CURRENT JOB (GO TO Q.42) . 3 | YES. 1 NO . .(GO TO Q.39) . 2 CURRENT JOB (GO TO Q.42) . 3 | YES. 1 NO . .(GO TO Q.39) . 2 CURRENT JOB (GO TO END) . . 3 |
| 38. How many weeks were you actively looking <u>and</u> available for work after this job ended? | [][] WEEKS WHOLE PERIOD NA | [][] WEEKS WHOLE PERIOD NA | [][] WEEKS WHOLE PERIOD NA |
| 39. Did you collect any unemployment benefits during this time? | YES. 1 NO . .(GO TO Q.42) 2 | YES. 1 NO . .(GO TO Q.42) 2 | YES. 1 NO . .(GO TO END) 2 |
| 40. How many weeks did you receive unemployment benefits during this time? | [][] WEEKS WHOLE PERIOD NA | [][] WEEKS WHOLE PERIOD NA | [][] WEEKS WHOLE PERIOD NA |
| 41. Why did you stop collecting benefits this time? | REEMPLOYED 1 EXHAUSTED BENEFITS . 2 DISQUALIFIED 3 STOPPED VOLUNTARILY. 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)_____ 5 STILL COLLECTING . . 6 | REEMPLOYED 1 EXHAUSTED BENEFITS . 2 DISQUALIFIED 3 STOPPED VOLUNTARILY. 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)_____ 5 STILL COLLECTING . . 6 | REEMPLOYED 1 EXHAUSTED BENEFITS . 2 DISQUALIFIED 3 STOPPED VOLUNTARILY. 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)_____ 5 STILL COLLECTING . . 6 |
| 42. SEE Q.29. ARE THERE MORE JOBS TO BE ASKED ABOUT? | YES. .(GO TO Q30, JOB #2) 1 NO. 2 | YES. .(GO TO Q30, JOB #3) 1 NO. 2 | |

43. This is the end of the interview. Thank you very much for your participation.

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TIME ENDED: [][]:[][] PM. . . 2

APPENDIX B
INDUSTRY-OCCUPATION CODES

Industry Codes

| | Code |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING | |
| Agricultural Production--Crops | 01 |
| Agricultural Production--Livestock | 02 |
| Agricultural Services | 07 |
| Forestry | 08 |
| Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping | 09 |
| MINING | |
| Metal Mining | 10 |
| Anthracite Mining | 11 |
| Bituminous Coal and Lignite Mining | 12 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 13 |
| Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels | 14 |
| CONSTRUCTION | |
| Building Construction--General Constructors and Operative Builders | 15 |
| Construction Other Than Building Construction--General Contractors | 16 |
| Construction--Special Trade Contractors | 17 |
| MANUFACTURING | |
| Food and Kindred Products | 20 |
| Tobacco Manufactures | 21 |
| Textile Mill Products | 22 |
| Apparel and Other Finished Products Made From Fabrics and Similar Materials | 23 |
| Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture | 24 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 25 |
| Paper and Allied Products | 26 |
| Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries | 27 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 28 |
| Petroleum Refining and Related Industries | 29 |
| Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products | 30 |
| Leather and Leather Products | 31 |
| Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products | 32 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 33 |
| Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment | 34 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 35 |
| Electrical and Electronic Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies | 36 |
| Transportation Equipment | 37 |
| Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments: Photographic; Medical and Optical Goods; Watches and Clocks | 38 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries | 39 |

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY
SERVICES

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Railroad Transportation | 40 |
| Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation | 41 |
| Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing | 42 |
| U.S. Postal Service | 43 |
| Water Transportation | 44 |
| Transportation by Air | 45 |
| Pipe Lines, Except Natural Gas | 46 |
| Transportation Services | 47 |
| Communication | 48 |
| Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services | 49 |

WHOLESALE TRADE

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Wholesale Trade--Durable Goods | 50 |
| Wholesale Trade--Nondurable Goods | 51 |

RETAIL TRADE

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers | 52 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 53 |
| Food Stores | 54 |
| Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations | 55 |
| Apparel and Accessory Stores | 56 |
| Furniture, Home Furnishings, and Equipment Stores | 57 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 58 |
| Miscellaneous Retail | 59 |

FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Banking | 60 |
| Credit Agencies Other Than Banks | 61 |
| Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services | 62 |
| Insurance | 63 |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service | 64 |
| Real Estate | 65 |
| Combinations of Real Estate, Insurance, Loans, Law Offices | 66 |
| Holding and Other Investment Offices | 67 |

SERVICES

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places | 70 |
| Personal Services | 72 |
| Business Services | 73 |
| Automotive Repair, Services, and Garages | 75 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 76 |
| Motion Pictures | 78 |
| Amusement and Recreation Services, Except Motion Pictures | 79 |
| Health Services | 80 |

| | Code |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Legal Services | 81 |
| Educational Services | 82 |
| Social Services | 83 |
| Museums, Art Galleries, Botanical and Zoological Gardens | 84 |
| Membership Organizations | 86 |
| Private Households | 88 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 89 |
| PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | |
| Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance .. | 91 |
| Justice, Public Order, and Safety | 92 |
| Public Finance, Taxation, and Monetary Policy | 93 |
| Administration of Human Resources Programs | 94 |
| Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Programs | 95 |
| Administration of Economic Programs | 96 |
| National Security and International Affairs | 97 |
| NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS | |
| Nonclassifiable Establishments | 99 |

Occupation Codes

| | Code |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS | |
| Officials and Administrators, Public Administration | 11 |
| Officials and Administrators, Others | 12-13 |
| Management Related Occupations | 14 |
| ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS | |
| Architects | 15 |
| Engineers and Surveyors | 16 |
| NATURAL SCIENTISTS AND MATHEMATICIANS | |
| Computer, Mathematical, and Operations Research Occupations | 17 |
| Natural Scientists | 18 |
| SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, RELIGIOUS WORKERS, AND LAWYERS | |
| Social Scientists and Urban Planners | 19 |
| Social, Recreation, and Religious Workers | 20 |
| Lawyers and Judges | 21 |
| TEACHERS, LIBRARIANS, AND COUNSELORS | |
| Teachers, Colleges and Universities (Including Junior Colleges) | 22 |
| Teachers, Except College and University | 23 |
| Vocational and Educational Counselors | 24 |
| Librarians, Archivists, and Curators | 25 |
| HEALTH DIAGNOSING AND TREATING PRACTITIONERS | |
| Physicians and Dentists | 26 |
| Veterinarians | 27 |
| Other Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners | 28 |
| NURSES, PHARMACISTS, DIETITIANS, THERAPISTS, AND PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS | |
| Registered Nurses | 29 |
| Pharmacists, Dietitians, Therapists, and Physician's Assistants | 30 |
| WRITERS, ARTISTS, ENTERTAINERS, AND ATHLETES | |
| Writers, Artists, Performers, and Related Workers | 32 |
| Editors, Reporters, Public Relation Specialists, and Announcers | 33 |
| Athletes and Related Workers | 34 |
| HEALTH TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS | 36 |

| | Code |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS, EXCEPT HEALTH | |
| Engineering and Related Technologists and Technicians | 37 |
| Science Technologists and Technicians | 38 |
| Technicians; Except Health, Engineering, and Science | 39 |
| MARKETING AND SALES OCCUPATIONS | |
| Supervisors: Marketing and Sales Occupations | 40 |
| Sales Occupations, Commodities | 41 |
| Insurance, Securities, Real Estate and Services Sales Occupations | 42 |
| Sales Related Occupations | 43 |
| CLERICAL OCCUPATIONS | |
| Supervisors; Clerical Occupations | 45 |
| Clerical Occupations, Except Office Equipment Operators | 46-47 |
| Computing and Office Equipment Operators | 48 |
| SERVICE OCCUPATIONS | |
| Supervisors; Service Occupations | 50 |
| Protective Service Occupations | 51 |
| Service Occupations, Except Private Household and Protective ... | 52 |
| Private Household Occupations | 53 |
| AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY OCCUPATIONS, FISHERS, AND HUNTERS | |
| Farm Operators and Managers | 55 |
| Other Agricultural and Related Occupations | 56 |
| Forestry and Logging Occupations | 57 |
| Fishers, Hunters, and Trappers | 58 |
| CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTIVE OCCUPATIONS | |
| Supervisors; Construction and Extractive Occupations | 60 |
| Construction Trades | 61 |
| Extractive Occupations | 62 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS | |
| Supervisors; Transportation and Material Moving Occupations ... | 63 |
| Transportation Occupations | 64 |
| Material Moving Occupations, Except Transportation | 65 |
| MECHANICS AND REPAIRERS | |
| Supervisors; Mechanics and Repairers | 66 |
| Mechanics and Repairers | 67 |
| PRODUCTION WORKING OCCUPATIONS | |
| Supervisors; Production Working Occupations | 71 |
| Precision Production Occupations | 72 |
| Machine Setup Occupations | 73-74 |
| Machine Operating and Tending Occupations | 75-76 |
| Fabricators, Assemblers, and Hand Working Occupations | 77 |
| Production Inspectors, Testers, Samplers, and Weighters | 78 |
| Plant and System Operators | 79 |

| | Code |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|
| MATERIAL HANDLERS, EQUIPMENT CLEANERS AND LABORERS | |
| Construction Laborers | 81 |
| Freight, Stock, and Material Movers; Hand | 82 |
| Vehicle Washers and Equipment Occupations | 83 |
| Miscellaneous Manual Occupations | 84 |
| MILITARY OCCUPATIONS | 91 |
| MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS | 99 |