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Section 1: Eligibility (all respondents)

1. Are you currently a legal resident of New York State?

1. Yes

0. No (ineligible)

Section 2: Current Employment Status (employed only)

1. Last week, did you do ANY work for either pay or profit? Include any job from which you were temporarily “absent” or “on layoff”.

1. Yes

0. No (Go to Section 7)

2a. How many jobs for which you receive pay do you currently have?

1-10

2b. How many hours per week do you USUALLY work at your (primary/main, by primary we mean job at which you work the most hours) job?

_____ **Hrs/Wk**

(if S2Q2a eq 1 goto S2Q3)

2c. How many hours per week do you USUALLY work at across all your other jobs not including your primary job?

_____ **Hrs/Wk**

3. Which of the following best describes your main job? (By main job we mean the one at which you usually work the most hours.)

1. Full-time, all year round

2. Part-Time, all year round

3. Temporary

4. Seasonal or Part Year

5. Contract or On Call

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4. What kind of work do you do, that is, what is your occupation? That is, from the following list, what describes your occupation of your main job? (DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTION/LET RESPONDENT VOLUNTEER and then code appropriate response)

1. **Executive, Administrative, and Managerial**
(Managers, General Managers, Personnel/HR Manager, Business Executives, Accountants, Analyst, Purchasing Agents, Loan Officers)
2. **Professional Specialty**
(Lawyers, Engineers, Scientists, Architects, Doctors, Teachers, Clergy, Social Workers, Nurses, Therapists, Artists, Pharmacists)
3. **Technicians and Related Support**
(Dental Hygienists, Lab Technicians, Opticians, Pharmacy, Engineer Technician, Pilots, Computer Programmers, Legal Assistants)
4. **Marketing & Sales**
(Cashiers, sales clerks, insurance salespeople, marketing workers, real estate agents, salespersons, securities & financial services, travel agents, grocery clerk)
5. **Administrative Support, including Clerical**
(Adjusters, collectors, telephone operators, secretaries, receptionists, hotel desk clerks, postal service workers, bookkeeping & payroll clerks, general office clerks)
6. **Service**
(cleaners & janitors, chefs, food & beverage workers, ambulance driver, nursing aid, dental assistant, hair stylists & barbers, child care workers, firefighters & police)
7. **Farming, Forestry, and Fishing**
(farmers, farm workers, fisherman, forestry workers, loggers, nursery, gardeners, grounds workers)
8. **Repair, Machine Operators, Assemblers, and Inspectors**
(Construction workers, plumbers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics,
9. **Transportation and Material Moving**
(bus drivers, rail workers, sailors, truck drivers, movers and packers)
10. **Operators, Fabricators, & Laborers**
(assembly line workers, machine operators, printing & binding, textile & sewing, day laborer
11. **Armed Forces**
12. **Other (please specify) _____**

5. In which type of industry is your main job? (DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTION/LET RESPONDENT VOLUNTEER and then code appropriate response)

1. **Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, or Mining**
2. **Construction**
3. **Manufacturing**
(includes making lumber, furniture, automobiles, electronics, textiles, food, chemicals, etc)
4. **Wholesale Trade**
(selling products to other entities such as businesses, government, etc)
5. **Retail Trade**
(selling products to consumers, including restaurants & bars)
6. **Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate**
(investment brokers, realtors, insurance agents, and banking)
7. **Transportation, Communications or Utilities**
(railroad, air, telecommunications, all private utilities)
8. **Services (Business, Personal, Entertainment, Recreation, Professional)**
(hotels, advertising, personal services (laundry, beauty salons), repair services, health services, legal services, *private* educational services, entertainment, amusement, childcare, etc)

9. Public Administration (Government)

(Federal, state, local government, public hospitals, public education, public transit)

10. Other (please specify) _____

6. Are you self-employed (i.e. consultant, freelancer w/out employees)?

- 1. Yes (Skip to Section 3 question 2) 0. No**

Section 3: Employment/Working Conditions (employed only)

1.Counting just the location where you work, what is the total number of persons who work for this employer? (please choose one answer)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Less than 10 | 6. 250 - 499 |
| 2. 10 – 24 | 7. 500 - 999 |
| 3. 25 – 49 | 8. 1000 – 9999 |
| 4. 50 – 99 | 9. 10,000 or more |
| 5. 100 – 249 | |

2. The New York State Labor Department has created 81 employment offices across New York state that provide "one-stop shopping" for employment-related needs for both job seekers and employers.

Before this survey, were you aware that there was a “one-stop” employment center in your area?

- 1. Yes**
0. No

2a. How likely is it that you would use the services of a “one-stop” center for your employment needs....very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, very unlikely

- 1. Very unlikely**
2. Somewhat unlikely
3. Somewhat likely
4. Very Likely
5. I have already used a center (volunteered)

3. The next questions are about benefits, policies, and informal arrangements on your job. Does your employer provide...?

	Available, use it	Available, do not use it	Not available
a. Health Insurance?	1	2	3
b. Flex time? <i>(i.e. the ability to choose or arrange a regular work week schedule to meet personal or family needs)</i>	1	2	3
c. Child care subsidies or a child care center at or near your location?	1	2	3
d. A 401K or pension program?	1	2	3
e. Paid Time Off (vacation, holiday, sick leave)?	1	2	3
f. Paid or Unpaid Time off for volunteering?	1	2	3

(if answered 1 on S3Q3a)

4. What portion of your health insurance premium do you pay?

1. **None** 2. **Some** 3. **All**

(if answered 1 on S3Q3d)

5. How much does your employer contribute to your pension or 401k plan?

1. **None** 2. **Some** 3. **All**

6. How are you compensated for the work you perform, in other words, what is your primary form of income?

1. **Salary**
2. **Hourly wage**
3. **Sales Commission**
4. **Tips**
5. **Lump sum/contract/deliverable/piece rate**

Section 4: Workplace Associations (employed only)

1. Do you personally belong to a labor union?

0. **No (goto S7Q2)**

1. **Yes (goto S7Q3)**

(if answered 0 on S4Q1)

2. Does any other member of your household belong to a labor union?

0. **No (goto S7Q4)**

1. **Yes (goto S7Q4)**

3. Have you held a leadership position within your labor union within the last 5 years? (steward, executive board, president, etc.)

1. **Yes**

0. **No**

4. How likely would you be to join a labor union at your workplace if you had the option?

1. **Very unlikely** 2. **Somewhat Unlikely** 3. **Somewhat Likely** 4. **Very Likely**

Section 5: Employment Expectations/Satisfaction (employed only)

1. Think of a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means you are certain you will lose your present job and 100 means you are certain you will be able to keep it. On this scale, how certain is it that during the next 12 months you will be able to keep it? (Assuming you want to keep it)

(0-100) _____

2. In the last four weeks have you looked for new work or a new job?

1. Yes

0. No

2a. How satisfied are you with your job? Would you say you are very dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or very satisfied?

- 1. Very Dissatisfied**
- 2. Somewhat Dissatisfied**
- 3. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied**
- 4. Somewhat Satisfied**
- 5. Very Satisfied**

3. Has your employer laid off any workers in the last 12 months at your location?
(if self-employed: Have you laid off any workers in the last 12 months?)

1. Yes, _____ workers 0. No

Section 6: Not employed (unemployed only)

1. In the last four weeks have you looked for work or a new job?

1. Yes 0. No (skip to question 2a)

2. Would you like to be employed either full-time or part-time?

1. Yes, full-time (skip to question 3)

2. Yes, part-time (skip to question 3)

2a. Why not?

1. Homemaker

2. Retired

3. Disabled

4. Student

5. Other (specify) _____

(Skip to question 4)

3. The New York State Labor Department has created 81 employment offices across New York state that provide "one-stop shopping" for employment-related needs for both job seekers and employers.

Before this survey, were you aware that there was a "one-stop" employment center in your area?

0. No

1. Yes

3a. How likely is it that you would use the services of a "one-stop" center for your employment needs....very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, very unlikely

1. Very unlikely

2. Somewhat unlikely

3. Somewhat likely

4. Very Likely

5. I have already used a center (volunteered)

4. Are you receiving any unemployment benefits, retirement benefits from the Social Security Administration, or disability-related benefits from the Social Security Administration?

1. Yes

0. No

Section 7: Education & Training (all respondents)

1. Have you been enrolled in any education, training, or job retraining program in the last 12 months?

- 1. Yes** **0. No** **(skip to section 9)**

2. What type of schooling was that?

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. High School Diploma | 5. Professional/skill-based certificate program |
| 2. GED Program | 6. Graduate School |
| 3. Vocational/Trade School | 7. On-the-job training |
| 4. Junior/Community College | 8. Apprenticeship |
| 9. Workshops, seminars, etc – how many days? _____ | |
| 10. Other (please specify) _____ | |

3. How many hours of instruction per week?

- 1. Answered** _____

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Section 8: Community (all respondents)

1a. Do you expect to be living in your community (approximately your county) five years from now?

1. Yes

0. No (why not?) _____ (goto S8Q2a)

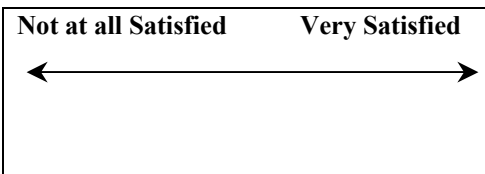
1b. When you leave your community, where do you plan to go?

0. Stay within New York State, but go to another community/county

1. Leave New York State

2. Do Not Know

2. Every community has good points and bad points about living within it. On a scale where one is not satisfied at all, and 10 is very satisfied, rate your level of satisfaction with the following within your local community.



a. Public Education	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. Local Taxes (i.e. property and sales)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. Social & Human Services (i.e. medical, welfare, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. Local City or Town Government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e. Economic Growth	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f. Land Development and Planning (i.e. zoning, building, environment)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
g. Employment (quality and availability of jobs)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
h. Safety & Crime	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
i. Cultural Activities & Opportunities (music, theatre, art, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

	Yes	No
3. Which of the following have you done in the past 12 months?		
a. Voted in an Election?	1	0
b. Attended a political rally or meeting?	1	0
c. Persuaded someone to either vote for or against a political candidate running for office	1	0
d. Written a letter to a newspaper editor or called into a public affairs radio talk show.	1	0
e. Spoke at a public forum or meeting?	1	0
f. Worked for a political campaign or political organization?	1	0
g. Contacted a government official or politician?	1	0

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5. Next I would like to talk with you about volunteer activity. By volunteer activity, I mean not just belonging to an organization, but actually spending your time helping without being paid for it. In the PAST YEAR have you volunteered your time to:

	Yes	No
a. Work with any church or religious group	1	0
b. Any child or youth development programs, such as day care centers, schools, tutoring, scouts or little league	1	0
c. Any arts or cultural organization, like a theater or music group, museum, or public TV station	1	0
d. Any neighborhood, civic or community group such as a block association or a neighborhood watch?	1	0
e. Any organization to help the poor, sick, elderly, or homeless	1	0

6. Now I am going to ask you a question regarding the likelihood of terrorist attack. In your best judgment, please tell me the likelihood of terrorist attack the following locations within the next 12 months. Would you say very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
a. Within your local community (or county)	4	3	2	1
b. Elsewhere in the U.S. (outside your community)	4	3	2	1

Section 9: Government/Attitudes/Politics (all respondents)

1. Please tell me your level of agreement with the following statements...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. I believe the NY State government looks out for my best interests.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Sometimes New York State government and politics is so complicated that people like me really can NOT know what is going on.	1	2	3	4	5

2. In your opinion, what do you think is the SINGLE most important problem facing people in New York state is today?

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. State Economy | 7. Health Care |
| 2. Employment | 8. Crime |
| 3. Environment | 9. State Taxes |
| 4. State Budget | 10. People leaving the State |
| 5. Immigration (foreign) | 11. Other, please specify |
| 6. Security/Threat of Terrorism | |

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is untrustworthy and 10 is trustworthy, how would you rate the trustworthiness of the following:

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a. Local Government										
b. News Media										
c. Labor Unions										
d. State Government										
e. Local Businesses										
f. Other People in General										
g. Large Corporations										

Section 10: Special Topics (all respondents)

1. How much do you support a recently proposed initiative to create a new guest-worker program for both legal and illegal immigrants? In this proposal, currently illegal immigrants, as well as future immigrants, would be allowed to apply to live and work in the United States for a specific period of time as well as freely travel between their native country and the United States. On a scale of one to five, with one being strongly oppose and five being strongly support, how do you feel?

- 1. Strongly Oppose 2 to 4 5. Strongly Support**

2. Looking ahead to the November 2004 presidential election, what will be the SINGLE most important issue that you will take into account when deciding for whom to vote.

Is it....

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. State of the economy | 6. Honesty/integrity of Candidate |
| 2. Employment/Jobs | 7. National Security/War/Occupation of Iraq |
| 3. Education | 8. Other Issue, please specify |
| 4. Foreign Policy | |
| 5. Health care/insurance | |

Section 11: Economics (all respondents)

1. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you (and your family) are better off, worse off, or just about the same financially as you were a year ago?

- 3. Better 2. About the same 1. Worse**

2. Now looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you (and your family living here) will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same as now?

- 3. Better 2. About the same 1. Worse**

3. Now thinking about the economy in the New York state as a whole, would you say that OVER THE PAST YEAR the state's economy has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

- 3. Better 2. About the same 1. Worse**

4. What about THE NEXT 12 MONTHS? Do you expect the economy, in New York state as a whole, to get better, stay about the same, or get worse?

- 3. Better 2. About the same 1. Worse**

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5. Please rate New York State on each of the following areas, on a scale of excellent, good, fair, or poor.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
a. The Environment	1	2	3	4
b. Economic Growth	1	2	3	4
c. State Taxes	1	2	3	4
d. Employment (overall availability and quality of jobs)	1	2	3	4
e. Transportation Infrastructure (roads, mass transit, etc)	1	2	3	4
f. Quality of Public Education	1	2	3	4
g. State Budget	1	2	3	4
h. Performance of NYS Government	1	2	3	4
i. Human & Social Services (health, welfare)	1	2	3	4

Section 11: Media Use (all respondents)

1. On average, how many days a week do you read a daily newspaper?

- 0. never read
- 1. one
- 2. two
- 3. three
- 1. four
- 2. five
- 3. six
- 4. seven

2. When you come across the following types of stories in the newspaper, how much attention do you pay to them? Here, one means very little attention, and ten means very close attention.

Very Little Attention											Very Close Attention
a. News about National government and politics?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
b. News about politics, economy, and social issues in your Local Area?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
d. News about science & technology	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

3. On the average weekday evening, about how many hours of television do you watch after 5 pm?

1. _____ Hours 2. _____ Minutes

4. Let's use a ten-point scale, where one means rarely, and ten means all the time, how often do you watch each of the following types of television programming?

Rarely											All the Time
a. National television news on channels such as ABC, CBS, CNN, FOX Cable News, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
b. The local evening news at 5pm, 6pm, or 11pm?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

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5. When you come across the following types of content on TV, how much attention do you pay to them? Here, one means very little attention, and ten means very close attention.

	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Very Little Attention Very Close Attention </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> </div>									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a. News about National government and politics?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. News about politics, economy, and social issues in your Local Area?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. Entertainment television (dramas, action, comedies)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. News about science & technology	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Section 12: Demographics (all respondents)

1. How long have you lived at your current residence?

0. Less than 1 year **or** **_____ years**

1a. How long have you lived in New York State?

0. Less than 1 year **or** **_____ years**

2. What year were you born?

19_____ (year)

3. Were you born in the United States?

1. Yes **0. No**

4. Gender?

1. Male **2. Female**

5. What is your marital status?

- 1. Single**
- 2. Married**
- 3. Divorced/Separated**
- 4. Widowed**
- 5. Partnered/Co-habiting (unmarried)**
- 6. Other, please specify**

6. When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as extremely liberal, liberal, slightly liberal; moderate or middle of the road, slightly conservative, conservative, or extremely conservative?

- 1. Extremely Liberal**
- 2. Liberal**
- 3. Slightly Liberal**
- 4. Moderate; Middle of the road**
- 5. Slightly Conservative**
- 6. Conservative**
- 7. Extremely Conservative**

7. What is your party affiliation (what are you registered as)?

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Democrat | 4. Liberal |
| 0. Republican | 5. Conservative |
| 1. Independent | 6. Green |
| | 7. Other party (Please specify) _____ |

8. What is your highest completed level of education?

- 1. Less than high school**
- 2. High school degree or equivalent**
- 3. Some college but no degree**
- 4. Associate's Degree – Vocational/Occupational**
- 5. Associate's Degree – Academic**
- 6. Bachelor's Degree (e.g., BA, BS, AB)**
- 7. Master's Degree (e.g., MA, MS, MBA, MSW, MEng, MED)**
- 8. Doctorate Degree (e.g., PhD, EdD, M.D.)**

9. What best describes your race?

- 1. White or Caucasian**
- 2. White or Caucasian Hispanic**
- 3. Black or African American**
- 4. Black or African American Hispanic**
- 5. American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo**
- 6. American Indian Hispanic**
- 7. Asian or Pacific Islander**
- 8. Other _____**

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10. Regarding religious affiliation, do you consider yourself Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, or something else?

1. **Protestant, please specify** _____
2. **Roman Catholic**
3. **Jewish**
4. **Muslim**
5. **No Affiliation**
6. **Other, please specify** _____
8. **Do not know**

11. How many total people (including yourself) are in your household are...

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Adults 18+ | _____ |
| Children (12-17) | _____ |
| Children (under 12) | _____ |

12. I'm going to read you the list of income categories. Please tell me which of them best describes your total **personal** income in 2003 before taxes from all sources.

1. **Less than \$10,000**
2. **\$10,000 to \$22,000**
3. **\$22,001 to- \$34,999**
4. **\$35,000 to \$49,999**
5. **\$50,000 to \$74,999**
6. **\$75,000 to \$99,999**
7. **\$100,000 to \$149,000**
8. **\$150,000 to \$199,999**
9. **\$200,000 and up**

13. I'm going to read you the list of income categories. Please tell me which of them best describes your total **household** income in 2003 before taxes from all sources.

1. **Less than \$10,000**
2. **\$10,000 to \$19,999**
3. **\$20,000 to- \$34,999**
4. **\$35,000 to \$49,999**
5. **\$50,000 to \$74,999**
6. **\$75,000 to \$99,999**
7. **\$100,000 to \$149,000**
8. **\$150,000 to \$199,999**
9. **\$200,000 and up**