

# The Seattle Times

## Default Question Block

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey for The Seattle Times about your life and experiences after graduating from high school in 2005. We appreciate your time and opinions.

This survey should take about 8 minutes to complete, depending on your answers. While we would appreciate your answers to all questions, you may skip any you are not comfortable answering.

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Please indicate which of the following represents your graduating class. Please select one response.

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- Hazen High School Class of 2005
- Sammamish High School Class of 2005
- Shorecrest High School Class of 2005
- Other (please specify)

Which of the following best describes what you undertook immediately after graduating from high school? Please select one response.

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- Got a job
- Attended a trade or technical school
- Attended community college
- Attended a 4-year college or university
- Joined military
- Other (please specify)

What is the highest level of education you have had the opportunity to complete? Please select one response.

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- High school
- Trade school
- Some college
- Completed Associates Degree
- Completed 4-year degree
- Some postgraduate work
- Postgraduate degree(s)

Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Please select one response.

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- Employed full time
- Employed part time
- Self employed
- Temporarily unemployed, seeking work
- Unemployed, not seeking work

- Student
- Homemaker

Where do you currently live?

- Live in Seattle area
- Live elsewhere in Washington State
- Live outside Washington State

Which of the following describe your current living situation? Please select all that apply.

- Rent
- Live with parents
- Live with roommates
- Own home

Many people describe success in different ways. Please indicate what role the following factors play in your current, personal definition of success. Please select one response for each.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Somewhat unimportant	Very unimportant
Parenthood					
Being employed					
Income					
Making a difference					
Living on your own					
Owning a home					
Job title					
Marital status					
Having a fulfilling job/pursuit					

Thinking about where you expected you would be at this point in your life, which of the following best describes where you are versus where you thought you might be? Please select one response.

- Ahead of expectations
- On track
- Behind expectations
- Not sure

Thinking about your current situation in both work and life, how would you describe your confidence in the economy and your future? Please select one response for each.

	The Economy					Your Future				
	Extremely confident	Moderately confident	Somewhat confident	Slightly confident	Not at all confident	Extremely confident	Moderately confident	Somewhat confident	Slightly confident	Not at all confident
2005										
Today										
5 years from										

now

Have you done any of the following in recent years due to economic conditions? Please select all that apply.

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- Gone back to school
- Taken an unpaid job or internship
- Taken a job just to pay the bills
- Postponed having a baby
- Moved back in with parents
- None of these

Do you expect to be more successful than your parents in your future? Please select one response.

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- Definitely will
- Probably will
- Don't know
- Probably will not
- Definitely will not

Please describe your experiences since leaving high school in 2005. How have you fared the economy in the past few years? Please respond in 300 words or less.

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The following questions are for classification purposes only and will only be used in aggregate.

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Please indicate your gender.

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- Male
- Female

What is your age?

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Please indicate your marital status.

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- Single, never married
- Married
- Living with partner
- Divorced or separated
- Widowed

Are you a parent?

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- Yes
- No

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic background?

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- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, African American
- Hispanic, Latino, Spanish
- White, Caucasian
- Other

Please indicate which broad category includes your total personal income before taxes?

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- Under \$20,000
- \$20,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$64,999
- \$65,000-\$79,999
- \$80,000-99,999
- \$100,000 or more
- Prefer not to say

Do you carry debt in any of the following categories? Please select all that apply.

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- Student loan
- Credit card
- Home mortgage
- Car loan
- Other (please specify)
  
- None of the above

Your feedback is extremely valuable and appreciated. As a follow-up to this survey, we may a representative from The Seattle Times may contact you to clarify your answers.

We would not publish anything with your name without first talking to you and getting your permission.

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Please provide contact information below where best to reach you.  
This information will only be used to contact you for the purposes stated above.

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Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Please indicate whether you would like to be considered for more research opportunities in the future.

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- Yes
- No

Know someone else you think might be interested in taking this survey? Please share this link:

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