

2024 State School Leavers survey questionnaire

Intro

The State School Leavers survey is a follow up on Queensland students who left or changed school during grades 10, 11 or 12.

It aims to understand the reasons why you left or changed school and to gain insight into what you are doing now, such as work or study.

These questions should only take 5 minutes. To thank you for your time you will be entered into the draw to win an iPad.

The survey is conducted by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office and your responses are strictly confidential and protected by the *Statistical Returns Act 1896*. De-identified data will be shared with the Department of Education to help improve services for future students.

For more information about the survey, including prize terms and conditions, previous results, and resources about further study and employment, please visit www.qld.gov.au/nextstep

Q. 1 Are you currently studying Year 10, 11 or 12 at a school?

(Yes	1
No.....	2
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q1=1) → Q1a
ELSE → Q2

Q. 1a Where are you currently studying?

(State school or TAFE.....	1
Catholic school.....	2
Independent school.....	3
Other (please specify).....	4
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q1a = 1) → END SURVEY

Q. 1b This survey is concerned with identifying general reasons why students change schools so that the department can learn and improve in future, but we understand that your reasons may be sensitive and personal to you.

Thinking about why you left your school last year, would you say your main reason for leaving was related to:

(Students at the school.....	1
Teachers at the school.....	2
Another aspect of the school/management	3
Other reason	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q1b = 1) → Q1c
If (Q1b = 3) → Q1d
If (Q1b = 97) → Q1e
ELSE → END SURVEY

Q. 1c When you say students at the school, was it more specifically related to:

(Disruptive behaviour.....	1
Bullying.....	2
Other (optional specify).....	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

Q. 1d When you say another aspect of the school/management, was it more specifically related to:

(Subject or program choices.....	1
Limited facilities.....	2
Unsuitable support services.....	3
School management.....	4
Asked to leave by school.....	5
Other (optional specify).....	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

Q. 1e When you say other reason, what was it more specifically related to?

(Health or personal reason.....	1
Disability related reason.....	2
Moved away / location of school.....	3
Didn't like school.....	4
Friend / family member left school.....	5
Other (optional specify).....	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

Q. 2 Why did you leave your previous school?
Maximum of five options.

(To get a job/apprenticeship.....	1
Did not like school.....	2
Did not like the teaching staff.....	3
Did not like the way the school was managed.....	4
Study options did not meet my needs.....	5
Difficult academically.....	6
Behaviour of other students disrupted my study (excluding bullying).....	7
Asked to leave by school.....	8
Disability.....	9
Health reasons.....	10
Moved away/to a new area.....	11
Felt I would have access to better resources.....	12
Pregnancy.....	13
Family commitments – parenting own child.....	14
Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child.....	15
Parents made me leave school.....	17
Bullying.....	20
Completed requirements for Year 12/gained 20 QCE points.....	21
Other (please specify).....	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q2 > one response) → Q3
ELSE → Q4

Q. 3 Of these reasons, which had the greatest influence?

<i>(Please specify from answers chosen above.....</i>	1
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

Employment module

Q. 4 Do you currently have a paid job?

(Yes.....	1
No.....	2
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q4=1) → Q5
ELSE → Q10

Q. 5 What is your job?

<i>(Please specify.....</i>	1
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

Q. 6 Are you currently undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship?

(Yes - apprenticeship.....	1
Yes - traineeship.....	2
No.....	3
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

Q. 7	What industry do you work in?	
	(Please specify	1
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q6=1 OR Q6=2) → Q9

Q. 8	Is your job a casual job?	
	(Yes	1
	No	2
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 9	How many hours do you usually work each week?	
	(Please specify	1
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q6=1 OR Q6=2) → 16
ELSE → Q15

Q. 10	Have you had a paid job since leaving school?	
	(Yes	1
	No.....	2
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q10=1) → Q11
ELSE → Q12

Q. 11	What was the main reason you stopped working in your last job?	
	(Was only a temporary/seasonal job	1
	Employer went out of business.....	2
	I turned 18 – younger workers are cheaper.....	3
	Got laid off/sacked.....	4
	Not satisfied with the job.....	5
	Moved to another location	6
	Transport difficulties	7
	Not enough work/unsuitable hours	8
	Health reasons	9
	Travel/overseas.....	10
	Study commitments.....	11
	Pregnancy	12
	Family commitments – parenting own child.....	13
	Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child	14
	Other (please specify)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 12	Are you currently looking for a paid job?	
	Looking for full-time work (35 hours or more per week)	1
	Looking for part-time work (less than 35 hours per week).....	2
	Not looking for work.....	3
	(Don't know	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q12=1 OR Q12=2) → Q13
If (Q12=3) → Q14
ELSE → Q15

Q. 13	What is the main reason you have not been able to find a job?	
	(Not enough or appropriate skills or training.....	1
	Not enough or appropriate qualifications.....	2
	Not enough job experience.....	3
	I turned 18 – younger workers are cheaper.....	4
	Not enough jobs available.....	5
	Hours are not suitable.....	6
	Transport difficulties.....	7
	Health reasons.....	8
	Family commitments.....	9
	Disability.....	10
	Study commitments.....	11
	Only just started looking for job.....	12
	Not trying very hard.....	13
	Recent or future relocation/travel.....	14
	Other (<i>please specify</i>).....	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

GOTO → Q15

Q. 14	What is the main reason you are currently not looking for work?	
	(Current study commitments.....	1
	Future study commitments.....	2
	No financial need to undertake paid work.....	3
	Travel.....	4
	Disability.....	5
	Health reasons.....	6
	Don't want to work.....	7
	Accepted a job that will start at a later date.....	8
	Don't feel ready for paid work.....	9
	Transport difficulties.....	10
	Sports commitments.....	11
	Student exchange.....	12
	Have been unsuccessful finding a job.....	13
	Pregnancy (SHOW: FEMALE ONLY).....	14
	Family commitments – parenting own child.....	15
	Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child.....	16
	Other (<i>please specify</i>).....	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Study module

Q. 15	Are you currently studying?	
	(Yes – full-time.....	1
	Yes – part-time.....	2
	No – not studying.....	3
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q15 > 2) → Q21
ELSE → Q17

Q. 16	You said earlier that you were doing an apprenticeship/traineeship. Are you currently undertaking the study component?	
	(Yes – doing course now	1
	Yes – study not started yet	2
	Yes – study component completed	3
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q16>3) → END SURVEY
ELSE → Q17

Q. 17	What is the level of the course or program that you are studying?	
	(Bachelor Degree	6
	Associate Degree	7
	Advanced Diploma	8
	Diploma	9
	VET Certificate IV	10
	VET Certificate III	11
	VET Certificate II	12
	VET Certificate I	13
	VET Certificate – level not known.....	14
	Year 12.....	15
	Year 11.....	16
	Year 10.....	17
	No formal qualification (including certificate of completion)	18
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q17=15 OR Q17=16 OR Q17=17) → Q19
ELSE → Q18

Q. 18	What is the name of the course or program you are enrolled in?	
	(Provides course/program name (<i>please specify</i>)	1
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 19	What kind of institution are you studying at?	
	University.....	1
	TAFE	2
	Private Training College	3
	Agricultural College	4
	Adult and Community Education provider	5
	Training provided at work	6
	Armed Forces.....	7
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	(Don't know	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q19=1) → Q20a
If (Q19=2) → Q20b
If (Q19=4) → END SURVEY
ELSE → Q20c

Q. 20a	What is the name of the university you are enrolled in?	
	(Australian Catholic University.....	1
	Bond University.....	2
	Central Queensland University.....	3
	Griffith University.....	4
	James Cook University.....	5
	Queensland University of Technology.....	6
	The University of Queensland.....	7
	University of Southern Queensland.....	8
	University of the Sunshine Coast.....	9
	Southern Cross University.....	10
	Interstate University.....	11
	Other university (Please specify).....	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

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Q. 20b	What is the name of the TAFE you are enrolled in?	
	(Central Queensland University (TAFE program).....	3
	TAFE Queensland Darling Downs and South West.....	21
	TAFE Queensland Far North Queensland.....	22
	TAFE Queensland Gold Coast.....	23
	TAFE Queensland Greater Brisbane.....	24
	TAFE Queensland North Queensland.....	25
	TAFE Queensland Skills Tech.....	26
	TAFE Queensland Sunshine Coast.....	27
	TAFE Queensland Wide Bay Burnett.....	28
	Interstate TAFE.....	39
	Other TAFE (<i>please specify</i>).....	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

Q. 20c	What is the name of the institution you are, or will be, enrolled in?	
	(All Trades Queensland.....	41
	Aurora Training Institute.....	42
	Aviation Australia.....	61
	Axial Training.....	44
	Axiom College.....	45
	Blue Dog Training.....	46
	Busy at Work.....	62
	Electro Group.....	63
	French Beauty Academy.....	49
	JMC Academy.....	50
	Mater Education.....	64
	McDonald's.....	51
	MEGT.....	52
	Motor Trades Association.....	53
	MRAEL - Australian Trade Training College.....	54
	SAE (Qantm College).....	58
	Tec-NQ.....	65
	Training & Assessment Mentor.....	60
	Armed Forces.....	71
	Secondary school.....	72
	Other Private Training College (QGSO use only).....	77
	Other institution (please specify).....	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

Q. 21	Can you tell me the main reasons why you are not studying?	
	(Wanted a break from study (e.g. to travel)	1
	Undecided and considering options	2
	Don't feel ready for study at the moment	3
	Not interested in further study/already finished studying	4
	Working in order to finance further study	5
	Waiting for course/training to begin	6
	Work commitments	7
	Find the course fees and other costs are a barrier	8
	Would have to move away from home	9
	Don't meet the entry criteria for the program I want to do	10
	Wanted to earn own money	11
	Looking for work/apprenticeship/traineeship	12
	Going into, or already in, armed services	13
	Working to qualify for the independent Youth Allowance	14
	Disability	15
	Health reasons	16
	Sports commitments	17
	Pregnancy	18
	Family commitments – parenting own child	19
	Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child	20
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	Don't know	98
	Refused)	99

END SURVEY

Q. 22 You indicated earlier that you are not engaged in education, training or employment.

The department has established Regional Youth Engagement Services in each region. These services help children and young people from across the state to access education, training or employment.

Would you like your contact details to be passed on to the Regional Youth Engagement Service so they can discuss options available to you?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	98
Refused	99

If (22=1) → Q23
ELSE → END SURVEY

Q. 23 Please provide the contact details you would like to be passed on to the Regional Youth Engagement Service. Please provide at least two forms of contact, including your suburb and postcode. Your suburb helps us connect you to your nearest service.

(Phone number)	1
(Email)	2
(Mailing address)	3

END SURVEY
