

Mott Poll Questions



Teens and Jobs

The following questions were answered by parents with teens age 14-18 years old.

Q1. Does your [x]-year-old teen currently have:

	Yes	No
a. A formal job that required hiring/paperwork		
b. An informal or occasional job (e.g., babysitting, yard work)		

[If Q1a = yes]

Q2. In a typical week, how many hours does your [x]-year-old teen work?

1. 1-5
2. 6-10
3. 11-19
4. 20 or more

[If Q1a = yes]

Q3. What impact has your [x]-year-old teen's job had on their...

	Positive impact	Negative impact	No impact
a. Grades			
b. Sleep			
c. Activities			
d. Social life			
e. Self-esteem			
f. Time management			
g. Money management			

[If Q1a = yes]

Q4. Has your [x]-year-old teen experienced any of the following job-related problems? *Select all that apply.*

1. Not getting as many hours as promised
2. Having to work later/more hours than agreed on
3. Unsafe situation in workplace
4. Not paid correct amount / pay delayed
5. Disagreements with coworkers or manager
6. None of the above

[If Q1a = yes]

Q5. What does your [x]-year-old teen do with the money earned at their job? *Select all that apply.*

1. Pay for personal items (such as clothes, gas, food)
2. Pay for school/outside activities
3. Put in savings
4. Help with family expenses/bills
5. Other
6. Don't know

[If Q1a = no]

Q6. Do you think your [x]-year-old teen will get a formal job within the next 6 months?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

[If Q1a = no]

Q7. Which of the following might prevent or limit your [x]-year-old teen from getting a job? *Select all that apply.*

1. Teen doesn't want a job
2. No teen jobs available in our community
3. Teen too busy to have a job
4. Teen needs to watch sibling/help at home
5. Transportation
6. Other
7. None of the above

[If Q1a = no]

Q8. Are you concerned that getting a formal job would have a negative impact on your [x]-year-old teen's...

	Yes	No
a. Grades		
b. Sleep		
c. Involvement in activities		
d. Social life		

Q9. How informed are you about state laws for teen employment, such as work permit requirements, restrictions on work hours, and minimum wage?

1. Very informed
2. Somewhat informed
3. Not informed

Q10. How important are the following in determining whether a job is appropriate for your [x]-year-old teen?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
a. Convenience of getting teen to/from job			
b. Pay			
c. Hours that fit with teen's schedule			
d. What other teens work there			
e. If job will provide a learning experience			

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