Table 1—Selected Training Questions

Survey of Employer-Provided Training (SEPT) 1995

Employee Survey

Formal training occurs when:

- Employees are taught skills or given information to help them do their jobs better,
- It is planned in advance, and
- It has a structured format and a defined curriculum.

Examples include:

- Attending a class conducted by an employee of your company,
- Attending a seminar given by a professional trainer, or
- Watching a planned audio-visual presentation.

1.) In the last 12 months, have you received formal training from your current employer in any of the following areas?

   a.) Management training
   b.) Professional and technical skills training
   c.) Computer procedures, programming, and software training
   d.) Clerical and administrative support skills training
   e.) Sales and customer relations training
   f.) Service-related training
   g.) Production- and construction-related training
   h.) Basic skills training
   i.) Occupational safety training
   j.) Communications, employee development, and quality training
   k.) Other
   l.) No formal training in last 12 months

Fill out a worksheet at the end of each day, while the day’s activities are still fresh in your mind. Do this every day for one week, even if there were days with no training activities. 1

- Training activities occur any time when you are taught a skill or provided with information to help you do your job better.
- Training activities can be formally presented at a scheduled session or informally provided during your work day by a supervisor or co-worker.
- Each training activity should last at least five minutes.  

[Examples provided]

1.) Did you learn a skill or were you given information today to help you do your job better?
2.) Who or what helped you learn this skill or information? (For each activity, check all that apply) [Options provided]
3.) How did you learn the skill or information? (For each activity, check all that apply) [Options provided]
4.) What type of skill or information did you learn? (For each activity, check all that apply) [Options provided]
5.) How long did you spend learning this skill or information today?

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Employer Survey

The following questions ask about formal training provided or financed by your establishment. Formal training is planned in advance and has a structured format and defined curriculum.

1.) In the last 12 months, in which of the following areas did your establishment provide or finance training for employees? [Areas listed were those in the Employee Survey (#1a-l above), plus the following three areas.]

   m.) Employee health and wellness
   n.) Orientation training
   o.) Awareness training

Please complete one worksheet for every formal training activity that takes place during your two-week reporting period.

1.) Use the calendar below to tell us how long this training activity lasted. For each day of the training activity, fill in the date and the number of hours that the training activity occurred.

2.) How many employees were trained in the activity?

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1 The employee log was used to identify both formal and informal training. On the basis of the answers given to the second and third questions, the Bureau of Labor Statistics used an algorithm to classify each reported activity as formal training, informal training, or self-learning (which was not counted as training). See Frazis, Gittleman, Horrigan, and Joyce (1998).
National Employer Survey (NES) 1997

The next set of questions asks about structured or formal training. This may be offered at your establishment or at another location and may occur during working hours or at other times. Formal training includes all types of training activities that have a pre-defined objective as opposed to informal, on-the-job training. [READ IF NECESSARY: Examples of structured or formal training include seminars, lectures, workshops, audio-visual presentations, apprenticeships, and structured on-the-job training.

1.) Do you pay for or provide any formal training, either on-the-job (by supervisors or outside contractors) or at a school or technical institute?

2.) In the past year, what percent of supervisors [managers and professionals, technical/technical support, office/clerical/sales/customer service, production employees] received formal training?

3.) What is the average number of training hours each supervisor [managers or professional, technical/technical support, office/clerical/sales/customer service, production employees] received?

4.) Which of the following areas did supervisors [managers or professional, technical/technical support, office/clerical/sales/customer service, production employees] receive formal training?
   a.) Improving teamwork or problem-solving skills
   b.) Training in sales and customer service
   c.) Training to use computers and/or new equipment
   d.) Training on the safe use of equipment and tools
   e.) Remedial skills in literacy and arithmetic

National Household Education Survey (NHES) 1995

Now I would like to ask you about different kinds of education and training programs, courses, workshops, and seminars you may have taken during the past 12 months. (Please don’t include day-time high school programs).

A. English as a Second Language
   1.) These first questions are about English as a Second Language only. Please do not include other classes here. During the past 12 months, did you have a tutor or take any classes to learn English as a Second Language?
   2.) In the past 12 months, how many weeks did you attend ESL classes? [DO NOT ROUND – USE DECIMAL IF NEEDED]

B. Basic Skills and GED Preparation
   1.) Not including regular day-time high school classes, during the past 12 months, did you have a tutor or take any classes:
      a.) To improve your basic reading, writing, and math skills?
      b.) To prepare to take the General Educational Development, or GED?
      c.) In some other high school equivalency program or adult high school program?

C. Credential
   1.) (Not including classes you told us about earlier.) During the past 12 months, did you take any courses that are part of a program, or a series of courses associated with a program leading toward…
      a.) A college or university degree, such as an associate’s, bachelor’s, or graduate degree?
      b.) A diploma or certificate from a vocational or technical school after high school or a formal vocational training program?

D. Apprenticeship
   1.) During the past 12 months, were you in a formal apprenticeship program leading to journeyman status in a skilled trade or craft?
   2.) How long does the whole apprenticeship last?
   3.) How many hours per week are scheduled for on-the-job training?
   4.) How many hours per week of formal classroom instruction are scheduled?

E. Career or Job Related Activities

[Pattern similar #2-7]

2 The question on remedial skills in literacy and arithmetic was not asked for the group of managers and professionals.
1.) Now, I’d like to ask you about courses related to a job or career, whether or not you had a job when you took the course. (Please don’t include courses you already told me about.) Some examples are courses taken at your job, courses taken somewhere else that relate to your job or a new career, or courses for a license or certification you need for your job. Have you taken any of these in the past 12 months? [Pattern repeats #2-7]
Table 2—Incidence of Employer-Provided Training in the Past Year

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**Formal Training**

- Hours per worker over 6 month period: 10.7, 13.4, 32.7
- Hours per worker over 1 year period: —, —, 65.4
- Percent of workers receiving—over 1 year period:
  - 0 Hours: —, —, 63.9
  - 1-40 Hours: —, —, 15.0
  - 41-80 Hours: —, —, 6.2
  - 81-120 Hours: —, —, 3.1
  - 121-160 Hours: —, —, 2.0
  - More than 160 Hours: —, —, 9.8

**Informal Training**

- Hours per worker over 6 month period: —, 31.1, —

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Notes:
6 month period is May-October 1995 for the SEPT and average for past year (1994) divided by 2 for the NHES.
Table 4—Incidence of Employer-Provided Training Over Time and Across Data Sources
Percentage of Establishments Providing Formal Training

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Note: Lynch and Black (1995), using the 1994 NES, find that 97 percent of establishments with 20 or more employees offered informal training.
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## Table 6—Incidence of Employer-Provided Formal Training by Worker Characteristics: Percent of Workers Receiving in Past Year

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