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Survey Report #3

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About the Survey

This Survey Report presents findings of a PSRPanel online survey about current issues in public service, including professional experiences and recollections related to the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks.

The survey was conducted in October 2011, and included online responses from 193 panelists.


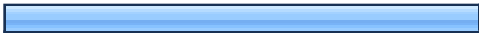
About the Panel

The Public Service Research Panel, PSRPanel, is an online community of public service professionals who sign up to participate in occasional web-based surveys and studies about the important work they do and the organizations they help lead.

It is important to point out that the panel is not a random sample, and thus the results are not scientifically projectable to the larger population.

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


1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Right direction		28.7%	54
Wrong track		71.3%	134
answered question			188
skipped question			4






2. Is now a good time, or bad time, to work in the . . .

	Good time	Bad time	Response Count
public sector?	43.9% (82)	56.1% (105)	187
non-profit sector?	43.5% (81)	56.5% (105)	186
private (for-profit) sector	48.9% (91)	51.1% (95)	186
answered question			189
skipped question			3

3. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do? Would you say you are . . .

		Response Percent	Response Count
very satisfied		38.7%	72
moderately satisfied		33.9%	63
a little dissatisfied		12.9%	24
very dissatisfied		7.5%	14
(Not applicable / not currently working)		7.0%	13
		answered question	186
		skipped question	6



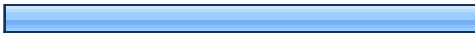
4. Which of the following best describes your employment situation on September 11, 2001 (the day of the terrorist attacks)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I was employed in a government organization		37.6%	70
I was employed in a nonprofit organization		11.8%	22
I was employed in a for-profit organization		24.7%	46
I was a student		19.9%	37
I was not employed at the time		5.9%	11
		answered question	186
		skipped question	6

5. How did the 9-11 attacks change, if at all, the way you felt about the work you were doing at the time? (Please answer in your own words)

	Response Count
	119
answered question	119
skipped question	73

6. As a result of 9-11, did you make any of the following career decisions? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

		Response Percent	Response Count
I decided to pursue (or continue) a career in public service		20.3%	35
I decided to study government, public policy, or public administration		16.3%	28
None of the above		70.9%	122
	Other (please specify)		26
	answered question		172
	skipped question		20



7. How much did the 9-11 attacks influence, if at all, your attraction to public service as a career?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A lot		7.7%	14
Some		19.3%	35
A little		9.9%	18
None at all		63.0%	114
answered question			181
skipped question			11







8. Where do you currently work?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Public sector		57.1%	104
Non-profit sector		17.0%	31
Private (for-profit) sector		7.7%	14
Student/retired/unemployed		8.8%	16
Other (please specify)		9.3%	17
answered question			182
skipped question			10






9. Are you . . .

		Response Percent	Response Count
male		42.0%	76
female		58.0%	105
answered question			181
skipped question			11






10. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
19 or under		0.0%	0
20-29		12.2%	22
30-39		20.6%	37
40-49		30.6%	55
50-59		23.9%	43
60-69		11.1%	20
70 or older		1.7%	3
answered question			180
skipped question			12

11. Do you consider yourself to be . . .

		Response Percent	Response Count
White		70.9%	127
Black		14.5%	26
Hispanic		3.9%	7
Asian		5.0%	9
Other		5.6%	10
answered question			179
skipped question			13

12. Where do you currently live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Northeast (US)		35.6%	64
South (US)		18.9%	34
Midwest (US)		21.7%	39
West (US)		19.4%	35
Outside the US (please specify country)		4.4%	8
answered question			180
skipped question			12